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Crookston Campus E-Update

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Welcome to the *Crookston Campus E-Update*, where we highlight administrative activities and programs on campus. On a bi-weekly basis, we will have news from the Chancellor along with some featured events and activities. We'll also talk about what's happening in Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Finance and University Services, Human Resources, University Relations, Development & Alumni Relations and Athletics, on a rotating basis. If you have suggestions or ideas for the *E-Update*, please let us know (urumc@umn.edu).

From the Chancellor

There continues to be good news on the academic front at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. At the Board of Regents meeting last week, we received approval for a new degree program as well as enhancements to several others that are specifically aimed to meet needs identified by our students and prospective students. These changes are effective fall semester 2007.

The Board of Regents approved a **bachelor of science in biology and a minor in biology**. I want to recognize the work of biology faculty members Pam Elf, Ph.D., and Brian Dingmann, Ph.D., in preparing the proposal and Department Head David DeMuth, Ph.D., in getting support from the College of Biological Sciences for the program.

We also received approval for a name change in two degree programs. The Crookston campus will now offer **1) a bachelor of science in animal science, with two areas of emphasis: animal science and pre-veterinary medicine; and 2) a bachelor of science in equine science, with two tracks: equine science and pre-veterinary medicine**. Thanks go to Department Head Ron Del Vecchio, Ph.D., and his faculty for their work in developing these enhancements.

Expanding academic options and clarifying majors to align with marketplace demands support our strategic efforts to promote programs and recruit and retain students.

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– Charles H. Casey, Chancellor
University of Minnesota, Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

History of the Black Church Discussion/Musical Presentation, Thursday, February 15 – Bishop Michael R. Cole will discuss the significance of the Black Church in the struggle for freedom of African Americans and the Gospel Outreach Ministries Choir will perform traditional songs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.

International Dinner Series Begins Monday, March 5 – Students from Colombia, Nepal, Ireland and other parts of the world will share their culture and cuisine with the campus and community on March 5, 19, 26 and April 4. Advanced tickets for the series are \$40 for adults and

\$35 for students. Individual tickets are also available. Events begin at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Contact Rae French by February 23 at 218-281-8339 or rfrench@umn.edu to reserve seats.

We look forward to seeing you here. For more details or to discover what's happening this week, visit UMC Today at www.UMCrookston.edu/umcnews or review our news page at www.UMCrookston.edu/umcnews/stories.

Around Campus

Academic Affairs – The Business Department has voted to explore opportunities for Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) accreditation. A \$50,000 undergraduate research fund and process for awarding the monies has been established to encourage and support student projects. Research proposals, for up to \$3,600, are due to the Academic Affairs Office on February 16.

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management – International student enrollment increased to 96 students this semester compared with 30 a year ago. Students from 15 different countries currently study on campus. An updated Student Code of Conduct was recently approved by the Board of Regents. The main change allows the University to apply the code of conduct to serious situations that occur off campus. For a complete review of the code, visit http://www1.umn.edu/regents/policies/academic/Student_Conduct_Code.pdf.

Finance & University Services – A Facilities Committee was established by the Chancellor and is charged with reviewing long-term campus planning and short-term upgrades. Concession stand bid proposals for the football field are in and under review. A Crookston campus class ring is currently being designed and should be completed in the next two weeks.

Development & Alumni Relations – The UMC Alumni Association (UMCAA) will be holding Alumni Socials in Detroit Lakes and Alexandria, Minn., March 5 to 9. The gatherings will provide additional opportunities for alumni, friends and the campus community to connect. Also, socials will serve in the long-term as fundraising efforts for alumni chapters. For more information, contact UMCAA board member Cindy Bigger at cbigger@umn.edu or Sue Dwyer in the UMC Development Office at 218-281-8401 or sdwyer@umn.edu.

University Relations – The Crookston campus is building on the U of M comprehensive marketing initiative “Driven to Discover.” This will help us communicate and reinforce our standing as an institution of higher education providing high-quality instruction, research and opportunity for students and graduating a well-trained workforce and future leaders. To learn more visit <http://www.discover.umn.edu>.

Athletics – Compliance is key to maintaining a vibrant and healthy athletic program in the NCAA. As part of the process, our athletic coaches and staff, who recruit off campus, must pass a test on their knowledge of NCAA Recruiting and Eligibility Regulations and Legislation each year. The online, timed test is administered by our Faculty Athletics Representative, who is not a member of the athletic department.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this news update, please send them to urumc@umn.edu.