



# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

## ***U of M Crookston Campus E-Update***

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### **From the Chancellor**

The March meeting of the Board of Regents is unusual in that it is scheduled at the end of the month. This one was also different in that it clearly showed that the Board is not of one mind on a number of issues. Additionally, a governing board characteristic becoming more common nationally is a trend toward increased oversight in areas previously left to the administration, and this governance approach has been exhibited by some members at the recent meetings as well.

During the meeting there was a detailed presentation of the Academic Health Center, with a number of presenters mentioning increased efforts to address rural health needs. This is good news as we continue to work on addressing these needs via our existing and developing pipeline programs. While we still have much work to accomplish, I am confident this increased rural interest will lead to improved opportunities.

The Board is showing substantial interest in athletics. Based on the conversation, most of this interest is focused on the TC campus, but there was also interest expressed in system-wide aspects. I welcome this attention. While I am very proud of the direction and progress of our program under Stephanie Helgeson's leadership, we will welcome their assistance to address challenging issues related to our athletics program. I will look forward to their continuing discussions on this topic at future Board meetings.

The very thoughtful and well-researched student report focused on a number of challenges that all the campuses are facing related to student mental health, the recruitment and retention of a diverse student body and faculty, transfer student orientation and services, and non-resident tuition. While the latter does not impact UMC, the others are certainly challenges for us, and I was pleased the students raised the issues and concerns.

The enrollment and tuition plan at the TC campus was approved after considerable discussion. As mentioned previously, TC campus growth can impact system campus enrollment. I was pleased the Regents were engaged in this conversation, and they asked for a system-wide enrollment plan in the near future.

The Board of Regents meeting also coincided with "Support the U Day." Once again a group of our students, along with staff members Lorna Holowell and Matt Torgerson, traveled to St. Paul to make the case for the University of Minnesota. Each campus student leader gave a short speech, and while I may be biased, I thought our own Tareyn Stomberg gave the most outstanding one. She ended with, "We have to convince them that we are not a 'cost' but we are instead an 'investment'." She could not have said it better.

As a land-grant institution, the University was created as an investment to meet the needs of the public and, due to Minnesota's great size and geographic diversity, this can only be accomplished through system-wide efforts. Increased attention on the system campuses from the Board of Regents is welcomed, as there are so many opportunities for system-wide efforts to better serve the public and to invest in the future through our

students. I look forward to working with the Board, the system-wide administration, and with you, to realize them.

Fred Wood  
Chancellor  
University of Minnesota Crookston

## Featured Events & Activities

**Grad Fest for all Graduating Seniors, Wednesday, April 6** – 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center

**2016 International Dinner and Festival, Wednesday, April 6** – 5 p.m. displays in Northern Lights Lounge and International Lounge, 6 p.m. dinner followed by program, individual tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children, contact Rae French for tickets at [rfrench@umn.edu](mailto:rfrench@umn.edu) or 218-281-8339

**Thursday Commons: Spring Semester Campus Assembly Meeting, Thursday, April 7** – 12:30 to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**Business Activities Day 2016, Tuesday, April 19** – 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**What's on Wednesday (WOW): Comedian Brian O'Sullivan, Wednesday, April 13** – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

**Spring Alumni Social in Fargo at Fargo Billiards and Gastropub, Thursday, April 14** – 5 to 8 p.m., Fargo Billiards and Gastropub, 3234 43rd St. S, Fargo, N.D., contact Sue Dwyer at [sdwyer@umn.edu](mailto:sdwyer@umn.edu) or 218-281-8401

**UMC Hosts the 2016 NACTA Judging Conference, Thursday, April 14, through Saturday, April 16**

**Athletic Awards Banquet, Tuesday, April 19** – 5:30 to 8 p.m., Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center, cost is \$10 for non-athletes

**Student Awards Ceremony, Thursday, April 21** – 6 to 8:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, refreshments to follow in Kiehle Rotunda

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For details on these and a comprehensive listing of other events or to discover what's happening this week, visit UMC Today at [www.umcrookston.edu/today](http://www.umcrookston.edu/today) or review our news page at <http://news.crk.umn.edu/news>.  
Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via Brief: <http://brief.umn.edu/>.

## Around Campus

### Administrative Affairs –

**The spring semester 2016 meeting of the U of M Crookston Campus Assembly will be held on Thursday, April 7, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** Chancellor Wood will provide remarks. The agenda for the meeting as well as minutes from the fall 2015 meeting are available online at <http://www3.crk.umn.edu/academics/campusassembly/Current.htm>. Refreshments will be served.

**The University of Minnesota Crookston College Advisory and Advancement Board (CAAB) will meet Friday, April 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Alseth-NWSA Business Boardroom, Dowell Hall 116.** Chancellor Fred Wood will lead CAAB through campus updates, Vice Chancellor Barbara Keinath will lead the board in a strategic planning update, followed by Chief Development Officer Brandy Chaffee who will present a development and alumni relations update and outlook. The board will have an opportunity to tour the wellness center and will close with a board engagement discussion and sharing of ideas.

#### **Academic Affairs –**

**Nate Visconti has been hired as an executive office and administrative specialist for the Math, Science & Technology Department.** He is working to complete a bachelor of science degree in information technology. He comes to UMC from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, where he worked as a technology support analyst for a grant-funded research project in the School of Social and Family Dynamics. He also has served as a customer service coordinate and a data sales consultant for Verizon Wireless. He began his responsibilities at UMC on March 28.

**UMC will host the 2016 North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Judging Conference on Thursday, April 14, through Saturday, April 16.** More than 575 college students from 23 four-year schools and 15 two-year schools will compete in 16 different contests focused on the areas of agriculture and natural resources. UMC students, faculty, and staff in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department will run and assist with operations of these competitions at locations across campus and the local region. Awards will be presented during an evening banquet on Saturday, April 16, in Lysaker Gymnasium. To view the entire schedule of contests, rules, and locations, visit [www.umcrookston.edu/nacta](http://www.umcrookston.edu/nacta).

**The UMC Business Department will host Business Activities Day 2016 on Tuesday, April 19, from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** Approximately 50 high school students from area school districts will participate in a Shark-Tank inspired day. Students will be given a product proposal and will be asked to evaluate and make recommendations on the marketing, management and financial aspects of the product. Students will then present their results to the sharks (local business professionals). The best ideas and pitches will receive awards at the end of the day.

#### **Student Affairs –**

**Grad Fest will be held on Wednesday, April 6, from 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center.** All graduating seniors are encouraged to attend in order to receive important information regarding the process of graduation and related services. Grad Fest is sponsored by the UMC Career Development & Counseling Department, the Office of Development & Alumni Relations, UMC Bookstore, Computing Services, Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships, and the Office of the Registrar.

**Comedian Brian O’Sullivan will perform on Wednesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.** With a BFA in acting from UNC Greenboro and comedy training from Second City, iO Chicago, the Annoyance Theater, the Laugh Factory, and the Comedy Store, among others, O’Sullivan is currently touring colleges and universities across the U.S. via the College Agency. Learn more at [www.bocomedy.com](http://www.bocomedy.com). The event is sponsored by Student Programming and Activities for Campus Entertainment (SPACE).

## Financial Aid & Scholarships –

**The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships will host Student Employee Appreciation Day on Tuesday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center.** As part of the event, at 12:15 p.m. a speaker from Wells Fargo will present “Managing Your Money.” Faculty members are encouraged to send their students to hear about this important topic. Door prizes will be awarded.

**A Student Loan Repayment Workshop will be offered on Monday, April 18, from Noon to 1 p.m., in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center.** The workshop, for all students who are graduating in May, will address questions regarding deferment, payment plans, loan consolidation, and financing graduate school. Refreshments will be served.

## International Programs –

**The 2016 International Dinner Series will conclude with the Annual International Dinner and Festival on the evening of Wednesday, April 6.** Cultural displays from various countries will begin at 5 p.m. in Sargeant Student, and a meal featuring food from several different countries will be served at 6 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Following the meal a program will highlight student cultural talents such as dancing, singing, instruments, and more. The dinner is officially sold out. For more information, contact Rae French at [rfrench@umn.edu](mailto:rfrench@umn.edu) or 218-281-8339.

## Development & Alumni Relations –

**The U of M Crookston Alumni Association will host the 6th annual Spring Alumni Social on Thursday, April 14, at Fargo Billiards and Gastropub, 3234 43rd St S, Fargo, N.D., from 5 to 8 p.m.** All alumni, faculty, staff, and friends are invited to attend and socialize while enjoying refreshments, a cash bar, billiards, and more. RSVP by noon on Tuesday, April 12, to Sue Dwyer at 218-281-8436 or [sdwyer@umn.edu](mailto:sdwyer@umn.edu).

## University Relations –

Staff member Amber Bailey continues to work with a group at the U of M’s Office of Information Technology to build UMC’s new website in the Drupal content management platform. Near the end of fall semester 2015 and into early spring semester 2016, they experienced some challenges with the migration process from the development server to the production site. **The team is currently working to refine, finalize, and address any critical functionality issues with the goal of offering faculty and staff an opportunity to preview and review the content for the site by sometime in mid-April. A goal launch date for the site has been set for Monday, May 16.** More information will be shared with the campus community via email.

**University Relations, working with the Crookston Campus-Community Connection (C4), recently launched a new Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/C4Crookston](http://www.facebook.com/C4Crookston).** The goal is to make this page a resource for students, faculty, and staff as well as local businesses when it comes to sharing events and specials for students in the Crookston community. Those who are interested and use Facebook are encouraged to "like" this page.

## Athletics –

**The Athletic Awards Banquet will be held Tuesday, April 19, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center.** The event will recognize athletes with a focus on senior awards. All student-athletes and coaches will be in attendance. Faculty, staff, UMC Teambackers, and community members are invited to attend. Tickets are \$10 per person for non-athletes. Contact Kamille Wahlin at 218-281-8423 or [kmwahlin@umn.edu](mailto:kmwahlin@umn.edu).

**Six Golden Eagle student-athletes were named to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Winter All-Academic Team:** from women's basketball **Megan Taylor**, a senior from Estelline, S.D., majoring in animal science; **Emily Gruber**, a sophomore from Monticello, Minn., majoring in communications; **Katrina Nordick**, a senior from Perham, Minn., majoring in applied studies; **Alexa Thielman**, a senior from Buffalo, Minn., majoring in health Sciences; and **Micaela Noga**, a sophomore from Parkers Prairie, Minn., majoring in health management; and from men's basketball **Jim Warmack**, a sophomore from East Grand Forks, Minn., majoring in marketing.

## Student Clubs & Organizations –

**UMC Enactus will host the annual Clean Water for Everyone Dinner on Tuesday, April 12, at 5:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from Enactus members or from Courtney Begman at 218-281-8188 or [cbergman@umn.edu](mailto:cbergman@umn.edu). This year Enactus has partnered with the UMC Lions and Rotaract Clubs to help raise money for clean water for the residents of Flint, Michigan.

**The UMC Equestrian Team will host Pancakes and Ponies on Sunday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University Teaching and Outreach Center.** This event supports the Equestrian Team and is a fun-filled morning of pony rides, games, horse-drawn cart rides (weather permitting) and a pancake breakfast. Tickets are \$5 for UMC faculty/staff/students, \$7 for adults, and \$3 for kids ages 10 and under. Pony/cart ride free with each ticket! Additional rides \$2.

**The UMC Aviation Club and Crookston Aviation will host the annual spring Fly-In, Drive-In Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Crookston Municipal Airport.** Cost at the door is \$6 per person, children under 6 are free, and free for PICs flying in. \$5 advance tickets are available from Aviation Club members. The menu consists of pancakes, eggs, sausages, coffee, and orange juice. EAA will provide free airplane rides for kids 8-17 starting at 9 a.m., weather permitting.

## Extension

**Minnesotans have the opportunity to build Deep Winter Greenhouses (DWGs) for growing fresh produce as part of a new project being offered this spring.** The University of Minnesota Extension Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) seek one farmer, business, or community organization in each of its five regions to build an on-farm or in-community DWG for production, research, and extension. DWGs are a passive solar, low-cost, low-carbon winter food production system. The structure is built with a south-facing, angled glazing wall that captures heat from the sun. Heat is stored in an underground rock bed and dissipates into the above-ground planting area at night. For more information on DWGs and the request for applications, visit: <http://z.umn.edu/14me>.

## Student Stories

It is difficult to find an open spot on Senior **Catherine “Catie” Brown**’s calendar. The University of Minnesota Crookston animal science major is finishing her final semester classes, engaged in undergraduate research, leading the tennis team as its captain, and to top it off, applying to veterinary medicine programs. [Learn more.](https://news.crk.umn.edu/news/senior-catherine-brown)  
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