



Crookston Campus E-Update

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Welcome to the *Crookston Campus E-Update*, where we highlight administrative activities and programs on campus. We share 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).

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From the Chancellor

Last week, the Board of Regents approved the University of Minnesota budget for 2007-08, which includes a tuition reform plan for the entire U of M system. Most significant for University of Minnesota, Crookston students is the implementation of a flat-rate tuition strategy. All students who take 13 credits or more will pay a flat rate – \$8,821 in tuition and fees for 2007-08. The purpose is to encourage students to take at least 15 credits each semester so they can graduate in four years, saving time and money. Students have been sent letters and e-mails informing them of these changes.

In other financial news, campus department and unit budgets for the 2007-08 academic year have been finalized and submitted centrally. Thanks to the staff in the Business Office for the time they spent to complete this work on time. The Crookston campus also was awarded some specific dollars through the U of M Compact for investments in the following areas: faculty positions, recruitment and retention, advising, counseling and development of an honors program. We will be working with departments over the summer to develop plans for effective use for these dollars.

A refreshed [Crookston campus mission](#) was recently approved by the Regents and is now posted online. We encourage you to visit the Web page and become familiar with our stated mission, vision and core values.

We are also pleased that the University Education Association has informed us that the Crookston faculty ratified the labor agreement between the University of Minnesota and UEA-Crookston. The U of M Office of Human Resources indicated the agreement will be brought to the Regents on July 11 with a recommendation for approval.

Congratulations to this year's Top Aggie recipients who were honored during the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Annual Reunion last weekend for their service to the campus and contributions in their field. The honorees are Arlene Knutson Grage '42, Ray Dusek '57, Patrick McKeever '62 and Lloyd Petri '67.

In keeping with our tradition of recognition, I had the opportunity and pleasure to invite a group of employees to lunch in honor of their years of service to the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

Their collective years of service amount to just over 150 years. Special thanks to them and all faculty and staff for their contributions to the campus.

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

Featured Events & Activities

Visit Us at the County Fairs – Stop by and visit the University of Minnesota, Crookston booth at the county fairs this summer. We will be at the Polk County Fair in Fertile, July 11-15; the Pennington County Fair in the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls, July 12-15 and the Roseau County Fair in Roseau, July 18-20. Alumni, staff and friends will share with county fairgoers, through interactive games, all the great things the Crookston campus has to offer.

Upcoming Golf Tournament Fundraisers ([details online](#)):

July 12 – **UMC Teambackers/Heart of the Valley**, Ada, Minn.; \$40 entry

July 21 – **UMC Teambackers Golf Classic**, Minakwa Golf Course, Crookston, Minn.; \$80 entry

August 14 – **Women's Scramble**, Crookston, Minn.; \$30 entry

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 – SVC of Academic and Student Affairs Thomas Baldwin was recently appointed one of five area chairs for the statewide Action Now committee, an alternative energy sources group established by the Legislature. Assoc. Professor and Math, Science & Technology Dept. Head David DeMuth and Professor and Natural Resources Dept. Head Dan Svedarsky are also members of the committee. The bachelor's in golf facilities and turf systems is now called golf and turf management. The minor in technical communications is now called a minor in communications. Also, a successful College in the High School professional development day was held earlier in June. Program reviews have been finished, and we are working on summaries to be shared with program faculty. Recruiting is underway in these faculty areas: entrepreneurship, accounting, ag business, equine, horticulture and chemistry. Professor and Business Dept. Head Susan Brorson recently came back from a trip to Norway, where she worked to establish cooperative exchange programs with universities there.

Student Affairs and Enrollment – Congratulations go to Counselor Laurie Wilson for being selected as the Northwest Minnesota Counselors Association Post Secondary Counselor of the Year. Phone registration for new students opened on June 19, 2007. Admissions recently posted a newly designed, interactive Web site at <http://admissions.UMCrookston.edu>. A new Web portal dedicated to retention efforts on campus has also been created to encourage information sharing in this area: <http://www.umcrookston.edu/retention>.

Finance & University Services – The heating tunnel project on the south side of the Kiehle Building has been extended by a few weeks, which will delay the demolition of Robertson Hall. The Robertson demolition is now scheduled to start in mid July. Elevators are being replaced in Dowell Hall and Sahlstrom Conference Center this summer. The masonry work has begun on the

concession stand project out at Ed Widseth Field; and the track has been resurfaced and re-striped.

The Facilities Committee, charged with reviewing long-term campus planning and short-term upgrades, meets monthly during the academic year and less frequently during the summer. Submit office and facilities proposals for committee review to Vice Chancellor Eric Johnston-Ortiz (ericj@umn.edu).

Development & Alumni Relations – The goal of reaching \$50,000 in 50 days in support of the January decision to remain in the NSIC at the Division II level was accomplished June 1. The University system matched the funds, creating \$100,000 in unrestricted dollars to support Golden Eagle Athletics. A reception will be held July 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to honor those who donated to this successful campaign. The event will be held in Bede Ballroom on campus. Following the social, UMC Teambackers will hold their 2007-08 Fund Drive Kick-Off from 7 to 9 p.m., also in Bede Ballroom.

Thank you to all alumni, friends, donors and community members for making fiscal year 2007 successful.

University Relations – U of M Vice President of University Relations Karen Himle, who joined the U in January, will visit campus July 30-31 to talk about her vision for University Relations throughout the system and meet with the campus community to talk about how the department can serve us more effectively in the future. MyU, your view of the U, is getting a face lift this summer – with an updated view for students and a separate layout for faculty/staff. Log onto www.myu.umn.edu to see the transition in progress and share your thoughts. A photo gallery from the faculty/staff exchange to Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic (ZJEPT) in China is [now online](#).

Athletics – The gym floor in Lysaker Gymnasium is being replaced and work should be completed the first week of August. Lee Anderson, previously from Glenville State College in Glenville, W.Va., has been named head coach of the Golden Eagle Women's Volleyball team. The Golden Eagle Web site is being redesigned this summer. Look for a new look, more detailed information and surfer-friendly pages to come online this fall semester.

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