University Regents Vote to Approve Mission Change for UMC

The Regents voted today to approve a mission change for the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), paving the way for expanding the campus to a four-year institution.

Former provost and member of the Board of Regents Stanley Sahlstrom made the motion for the revised mission for UMC to the Committee of the Whole.

UMC's Chief Executive Officer Donald Sargeant stated, "Today's action by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents is the first step toward the goal of providing select baccalaureate degrees on the University of Minnesota campus in Crookston.

It has involved a tremendous amount of consultation both from within the University of Minnesota and with other higher education institutions, students, employers and legislators."

The Regents vote approves implementation of a revised mission to provide access to select baccalaureate programs in partnership with other University of Minnesota campuses and in partnership with other institutions.

Senator Majority Leader Roger Moe said, "I'm excited about expanded opportunities for the northwest quadrant of Minnesota through upper division courses at the Crookston campus. I look forward to a cooperative effort with other higher educational institutions in the region to meet the continuing needs and demands for the state in higher education."

Rod Nelson, president of First American National Bank in Crookston said, "This is one of the most important decisions affecting Crookston and northwestern Minnesota that we've had in many years, from an economic standpoint, from a resource standpoint to the area, and for the educational opportunities it provides for the residents of Crookston and northwestern Minnesota.

All the past successes, the significant present investment and future potential are a part of this decision."

Select baccalaureate programs would be offered in agriculture, business, natural resources, early childhood education, small business management, hotel/restaurant management and appropriate interdisciplinary studies.

"I'm delighted that the future of the University of Minnesota, Crookston is ensured. As the founder of UMC I know of its solid academic programs and the dedication of the faculty to serving students effectively in selected four-year programs. UMC has always stood for quality education. The campus has prepared itself well with telecommunication contacts throughout northwestern Minnesota with both two- and four-year institutions. Drawing on the expertise from other institutions in the area as well as from the Twin Cities campus, it will provide needed courses and programs to meet the needs of northwestern Minnesota," Sahlstrom said.

Primary funding for the program growth would come from tuition and increased enrollment. Additional state funds will not be needed.

Ken Schuster, manager of Rivard's Quality Seeds Inc. in Argyle, said, "As a Northwest School of Agriculture graduate, I've seen what the campus has done for myself and my business. To allow students to continue in a four-year program will give them an opportunity to learn and work in the same area."

UMC can offer its students special opportunities through a major telecommunications project that links the campus with programs from other campuses, including the Twin Cities campus.

Tom Jorgens, president of Meta Dynamics in Crookston, said, "By strengthening the role of the University in helping to make sure that the next 100 years can be as prosperous as the last century. Particularly important is the recognition of distance learning as it creates opportunities for both the young and the not-so-young students to gain convenient access to high quality educational opportunities."

The timetable for implementing baccalaureate programs at the Crookston campus is as follows: regents vote on baccalaureate programs in fall 1992. Higher Education Coordinating Board reviews programs in late fall 1992, baccalaureate programs begin in fall 1993.

Chancellor Sargeant said, "The UMC campus faced a fork in the road. One path led to a dead end. The other path, the one chosen, extends the existing two-year programs into four-year degree programs. The plan includes only a minimal increase in the freshman class size, few new programs, no additional state funds, and it includes courses from other colleges as part of the curriculum. The plan is not creating an additional higher education institution but rather making better use of an existing institution."

"Adoption of this resolution is an indication of President Hasselmo's and the Board's commitment to strengthen the University of Minnesota's access and services in Greater Minnesota. This decision goes beyond providing undergraduate education to students on the Crookston campus. It will, through increased enrollments in telecommunications make more courses, workshops, and seminars available throughout the state. And it greatly enhances research with a focus on rural development. So today's action is one that is educationally and economically sound for the University of Minnesota and for Minnesotans."

Jim Koehler, executive vice president of the Crookston Chamber of Commerce, said, "Congratulations to Chancellor Donald Sargeant and the hard working staff who created this vision for the University and the community. What an exciting time for the future of our community that the University of Minnesota, Crookston will be able to offer four-year programs."
From President Seddon

This being my last article as president of the UMC Alumni Association, I would like to say thank you to Allan, the board, and you, the alumni, for letting me serve as your president. Thank you for your time and dedication to UMCA and UMC. I really enjoyed my year as president. Good luck to next year’s president. Election for president will be at our Homecoming business meeting.

This year’s Phon-a-thon went very well. Our donations went up from $9,236 last year to over $11,000 this year. Thanks to all of you that gave to the Annual Fund Drive for UMCAA. I hope the donations keep going up.

Homecoming is set for Saturday, September 26. The agenda for Homecoming includes the Outstanding Alumni Brunch, Tailgate Party and the game against Mesabi. A dance and social at the Eagles Hall in Crookston end the day. I hope to see a lot of familiar faces at these events. Come see the beautiful campus and reacquaint yourself with old friends.

The Alumni Association is very excited about the proposal of UMC going to a four-year campus. We look for your continued support of UMC.

--Diane Seddon

Larson's Notes

University of Minnesota Regents passed a resolution to change UMC's mission to allow for the offering of selected four-year degree programs. Considerable work must still be done relative to the development of the specific programs before they can be presented to the Regents for approval later this year, but the UMC faculty and staff are hard at work on this major project. If everything goes as planned, four-year programs may be available at UMC by the fall of 1993.

We will keep you informed of our progress in future newsletters.

One thing we do know for sure is that UMC will continue to need your moral, political and financial support to help us make this goal a reality. We know we can count on our UMC Alumni when the need arises. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like additional information during the coming year.

--Allan Larson

Chancellor's Comments

In July the Board of Regents voted unanimously to extend UMC's mission to include select baccalaureate degrees. Thus, we're really focused on planning meetings. We are surveying employers, students in high schools, present students and other populations to develop programs that meet the future. It is a time consuming but exciting process. We hope to have the first baccalaureate programs to the Board of Regents for information in November. After approval by the Regents, then the next step is the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board. So it will be March or April before UMC officially has approved baccalaureate programs in various majors.

If you were in the area, I hope you have stopped and driven through the campus. It's never been more beautiful and I might add, we feel the instructional programs have never been better. Employers of students on internship programs this summer provided glowing reports about UMC students.

--Donald Sargeant

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TORCH
Saturday, September 26, 1992

9:00 a.m.
Welcome/Social
Division Offices

10:00 a.m.
Alumni Brunch
Brown Dining Room
UMC Conference Center

11:00 a.m.
UMC Alumni Association
Business Meeting
Brown Dining Room
UMC Conference Center

12:30 p.m.
Tailgater for Alumni and
Guests
Parking lot next to football
field, UMC

1:30 p.m.
Football Game:
UMC vs Mesabi
Stadium, UMC

4:00 p.m.
Annual Resident Advisors
Social
Willhite Residence
608 Lowell, Crookston

8:00 p.m.
Alumni, Faculty, Staff
Social/Dance
Eagles Club, Crookston

Ken Myers
Receives
Distinguished
Teaching
Award

Dr. Rita Meyer, vice chancellor of academic
affairs, presents the Distinguished Teaching
Award to Ken Myers at the Spring Faculty/Staff
Recognition Banquet.

Ken Myers, associate pro-
fessor of hotel, restaurant and
institutional management in the
business division, received the
Distinguished Teaching Award
from the University.

The Distinguished Teaching
Award carries a stipend in rec-
ognition of teaching effective-
ness, student development and
educational leadership.

Myers joined the UMC fac-
ulty in 1979 and became hospi-
tality department head in 1988.
He was promoted to associate
professor in 1992. He holds an
associate in occupational stud-
ies in culinary arts from the Cul-
inary Institute of America in Hyde
Park, New York. His bachelors
degree in hotel and restaurant
management and masters de-
gree in vocational education are
both from the University of Wis-
consin-Stout.
Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe addresses the crowd gathered to help celebrate the new "U".

Mayor Doug Oman spoke on behalf of the city of Crookston, expressing thanks to the UMC administration, faculty and staff for their efforts to move UMC toward a four-year campus.

The community gathered to take time out to discuss the implications of the four-year campus in Crookston are, from left: Jerry Nagel, director of the Red River Trade Corridor; Richard Nelson, Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI) president and Rod Nelson, president of First American National Bank.

Chancellor Donald and Mary Beth Sargeant (left) receive special recognition from Rod Nelson, president of First American National Bank.

Four-year Campus

The Proposal:
- Begin offering four-year baccalaureate programs at UMC.
- The baccalaureate programs would be in agriculture, business, restaurant management, and appropriate interdisciplinary studies.
- Tuition from increased enrollment would be the primary funding source.
- The number of full-time equivalent students is expected to increase.

Reasons for expanding UMC's role:
- The University wants to maintain an educational presence in northern Minnesota.
- Four-year degree programs fit the overall mission of the University.
- UMC can offer its students special opportunities through a major campus, including the Twin Cities campus.
- UMC's agriculture, natural resources, hospitality, and small businesses.
- Instructional costs per student would decrease to $7,250 annually estimated at $12,000 per year by 1997.
- With the University's Northwest Experiment Station and the state's Minnesota Extension Service in Crookston fulfilling the service mission of teaching, research, and service.

Background:
- UMC was established in 1965 and offers two-year associate degree management, and human ecology. UMC employs 214 faculty and

Timetable:
- Regents vote on baccalaureate programs in fall 1992.
- Higher Education Coordinating Board review is sought for fall 1993.
- Baccalaureate programs begin in fall 1994.
The New "U" • • •

Minnesota Representative Bernie Lieder spoke to the group of people gathered following the Regents' vote to make Crookston a four-year campus.

Rod Nelson, president of First American National Bank, attended the Board of Regents meeting to show community support for UMC's move to a four-year campus.

Discussing the new four-year proposal for the Crookston campus are, from left: The Honorable Roger Moe, Senate Majority Leader; Donald Cavalier, director of UMC's Counseling and Career Center; Tom Jorgens, president of MetaDynamics; Mary Cavalier, elementary school teacher; and Chuck Larson, past president of the Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce.

UMC's director of development Allan Larson celebrates with Payton "Skip" Narum, publisher of the Crookston Daily Times.

Degrees at Crookston

Departmental concentrations in programs in agriculture, natural resources, business, hotel/restaurant management, early childhood education, small business management, hotel/restaurant management, and communications project that links the campus with programs from other programs were designed to serve rural communities. 1997 under the proposal. With no expanded role, UMC's cost per student is 850 to 1,150 by 1997. Rasmussen Minnesota that fits its overall mission and is cost-effective. Minnesota.

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Agricultural Utilization Research Institute fulfilling the research mission and the UMC's educational mission completes the University's three-part land-grant mission.
Introducing Kathy Braukmann

Kathy Braukmann is the new senior secretary for the White House Alumni Center. A 1992 graduate of UMC's business division, she replaced Julie Hamre who resigned in May to spend more time with her young family. While enrolled in classes at UMC, Kathy was active in Collegiate Secretaries International, serving as editor of their newsletter. She also earned the coveted Member of the Year Award. Stop by the White House and welcome Kathy as she works with the alumni association.

UMC Grad Receives UMC's Distinguished Service Award

The award, which is given by the University's Crookston campus, carries a stipend and is given for recognition of outstanding service in the field of civil service and bargaining unit employees. Since the early 1970's Rude has taken on the sole responsibility to annually redesign and plant the UMC flower bed at the entrance of the campus. He also played an important lead role in the design, construction and care of the Rude Memorial Gardens also at the entrance to the campus.

The memorial gardens are a tribute to his father, the former campus gardener Curtis Rude, who was killed in a tree-trimming accident on the campus in 1971. Rude joined the UMC staff as a senior laborer. He was promoted to gardener in 1976, a position he holds at this time. Rude is active on campus committees including UMC Seminar Series, Alumni Association, Homecoming, Workstudy Re-
Second Annual Golf Classic A Success

It was a beautiful day and 62 golfers enjoyed playing in the UMC/Community Golf Classic Friday, July 17. A Texas scramble format was used this year, and golfers were allowed to make up their own teams using the following criteria:
1. The four-person team handicap had to equal 36 or more for 9 holes.
2. A team could not include more than 2 golfers with handicaps of 5 or less.

Fifteen teams competed in the event:
First place was taken by the team of Scott Oliver, Jim Sims, Craig Anderson and Grant Ledyard with a round of 8 under par.

Three teams tied for second place at 7 under par. A tie-breaker system was used to determine second, third and fourth places. These team members were as follows:

The tournament also included several special awards:
- Hole 2 - Drive Closest to the Line - Bruce Brorson
- Hole 4 - Closest to the Pin - Ricky Johnson
- Hole 8 - Longest Drive - Dale Helm
- Hole 7 - Closest to Pin, 2 shots - Keith Sannes
- Hole 9 - Longest Putt - Dale Charais

Keith Sannes won the drawing for "The New U" golf shirt.

In addition to everyone having a good time, $600 was raised and will be awarded as a scholarship to a deserving UMC student.

The tournament committee of Steve Biermeier, Marv Bachmeier, Harold Opgrand and Al Larson said they hope to build the event to about 90 golfers next summer. Hope you can join us for the Third Annual Golf Classic.