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To: UMM Faculty

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Fall Faculty Retreat Planning Committee
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Subject: Fall Faculty Workshop – August 20-21, 2007

The 2007 Fall Faculty Retreat will be held on Monday, August 20, and the morning of Tuesday, August 21 at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Alexandria, MN (see <http://arrowwoodresort.com>). The Arrowwood Resort will provide our event with a scenic setting, comfortable accommodations, and good food to promote a collegial beginning to the new academic year. Returning faculty members have the opportunity to share their summer experience, greet new additions to the faculty and welcome them into the UMM community. The theme for this fall is *"Planning for the Future: Making it Happen."* The main three sessions will be "Planning", "Learning and Teaching", and "Making it Happen | Current Issues for Academic Year 2007-08". See the enclosed schedule for a list of topics.

Do you have special teaching techniques and methods you would like to share with your colleagues? The FFR will offer a session on Innovative Teaching Techniques on Monday morning and we encourage you to share your special teaching techniques and methods during the session. The Personal Response System will be used throughout the FFR; giving you the opportunity to evaluate the instructional technology tool.

We invite you to register for the Workshops by completing the enclosed registration form and returning it by July 13. Late registrants will be accommodated if space is available. The workshops will cost \$40 for those who stay overnight at the Arrowwood Resort, or \$15 for day participants (please enclose a check with your registration form made out to the University of Minnesota). The workshops are free for new faculty. Arrowwood is offering a \$7.00 discount per person per day for the Waterpark and a \$10.00 discount off any spa service that is \$50.00 or more in the Darling Reflection Spa and be able to arrange childcare if you need to. If you need transportation to the workshop, please indicate this on the registration form. Likewise, if you can provide a ride and would like company on the way to Alexandria, please indicate this and the number of people that you can accommodate on the form. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the Faculty Center for Learning and Teaching at (320) 589-6273 or contact Linda Pederson at pederslm@morris.umn.edu.

New faculty members are especially encouraged to attend. The workshop provides a congenial and convivial setting both for new faculty to meet people and for returning faculty members to catch up with their colleagues after the summer.

Enclosures: Registration form
 Reply envelope
 Retreat schedule
 Directions to resort

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