



# Executive Leadership

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ADMINISTRATION

**Eric W. Kaler President**

In 2011, Kaler became the 16th president of the U. Previously, he served as provost and SVP for academic affairs and VP for Brookhaven National Laboratory Affairs at Stony Brook University in New York. Kaler received his undergraduate degree from the California Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the U.

**Ann Aronson Chief Marketing Officer**

Aronson leads marketing in the Office of University Relations. She manages the U's brand, and she oversees client and creative services, digital communications, social media, and market research.

**Michelle Behr Chancellor, UM Morris**

Behr leads the UM Morris. Previously, Behr was the provost, SVP for academic affairs, and dean of the college at Birmingham-Southern College. Behr received a master's degree in anthropology and a Ph.D. in geography from Arizona State University.

**Mike Berthelsen VP, University Services**

Berthelsen has served the U for over 23 years, beginning in 1993 as a budget and finance officer, moving to University Services as the assistant VP and CFO and, for the past 10 years, providing leadership as the associate VP for facilities management.

**Lendley (Lynn) Black Chancellor, UM Duluth**

Black leads the UM Duluth. He came to UMD from Kennesaw State University in Georgia, where he served as provost and VP for academic affairs.

**Kathryn F. Brown VP, Human Resources**

Brown was appointed VP for Human Resources in 2011. Previously, she served as VP and chief of staff, serving as chief advisor to the president and playing an integral role in establishing and implementing policy at the U.

**Brian D. Burnett SVP, Finance and Operations**

Burnett oversees the Offices of Human Resources, Information Technology, University Finance, and University Services. He received his Ph.D. in educational leadership, research, and policy from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

**J.D. Burton Chief Government Relations Officer**

Burton advances the interests of the U system at the capitol in St. Paul, in Washington, D.C., and among community partners. Previously, he was director of government relations for City of St. Paul.

**Lori Carrell Chancellor, UM Rochester**

Carrell leads UM Rochester as Interim Chancellor. Previously, Carrell was UMR's Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Student Development. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Denver.

**Mark Coyle Athletics Director**

Coyle leads the 25-sport Gopher Athletics program. He also has served as athletics director at Syracuse University and Boise State University and as deputy athletics director at the University of Kentucky.

**Michael Goh Interim VP, Equity and Diversity**

Goh joined the Office for Equity and Diversity in July 2014 as associate vice provost. He also directs the Institute for Diversity, Equity, and Advocacy (IDEA) and is an associate professor in CEHD's department of Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development.

**Bernard Gulachek VP, Information Technology**

Since 1986, Gulachek has served in a variety of operational and strategic technology leadership roles. He is credited with leading many of the information technology services in use at the U today and for working to achieve institutional goals through use of technologies.

**Karen Hanson Executive VP and Provost**

Hanson joined the U in 2012 after serving as provost and executive VP of Indiana University. She received her B.A. from the U and earned her master's degree and Ph.D. from Harvard.

**Mary Holz-Clause Chancellor, UM Crookston**

Holz-Clause leads the UM Crookston campus as Chancellor. Previously she was dean of the college of agriculture at Cal Poly Pomona and VP for economic development at the University of Connecticut. She holds a Ph.D. from Iowa State University.

**Gail Klatt Chief Auditor**

Klatt has served as the associate VP of internal audit for the U since 1994. Prior to joining the U, she worked in a variety of audit management capacities in the financial services sector for 17 years.

**Matt Kramer VP, University Relations**

Kramer leads the U's lobbying, community relations, marketing, and public relations teams, overseeing the U's public affairs strategy while engaging with the diverse range of U stakeholders. He earned his Ed.D. in leadership from Creighton University.

**Boyd Kumher Chief Compliance Officer**

Kumher joined the U in 2016. Prior to his arrival, he was the inaugural chief compliance officer for Case Western Reserve University. He comes to the institution with 20 years of experience working in higher education and academic medical centers.

**Allen Levine VP, Research**

Levine previously served as vice provost for faculty and academic affairs, dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, and associate director of research at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

**Doug Peterson General Counsel**

The Office of the General Counsel provides legal advice on litigation and transactional matters to the U system. Peterson came to the U from Stinson Leonard Street LLP and previously served as a federal prosecutor for the District of Minnesota.

**Jon Steadland Chief of Staff**

Steadland oversees many functions, including the Office of the President and the University Senate Office, and coordinates with the Board of Regents to advance President Kaler's agenda. He has an M.P.P. from the U's Humphrey School of Public Affairs and a Ph.D. from the College of Education and Human Development.

**Jakub Tolar Dean of the Medical School and interim VP of AHC**

Tolar is a Distinguished McKnight Professor of Pediatrics, an NIH funded researcher and a practicing clinician through the U's Masonic Children's Hospital. He formerly served as the Executive Vice Dean for the Medical School.

**Chuck Tombarge Chief Public Relations Officer**

Tombarge leads public relations in the Office of University Relations. He manages public and media relations and issues and crisis management. He previously managed the daily operations of the News Service, the University's central media relations office.