

Memorandum of Understanding

Upper Midwest Banner Users Group (UMBUG)

For each and between:

Bethel University, St. Paul, MN
College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN
Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire, WI
College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN
Concordia College, Moorhead, MN
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
Lawrence University, Appleton, WI
Macalester College, St. Paul, MN
Moraine Park Technical College, Fond du Lac, WI
St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN
St. John's University, Collegeville, MN
St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI
University of Northwestern – St. Paul, St. Paul, MN
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
Waukesha County Technical College, Pewaukee, WI

March 13, 2008 – with revisions through Jan 9, 2026

Introduction and Purpose

The Upper Midwest Banner Users Group is formed to provide opportunities for its members to share their experiences, knowledge, successes, and lessons learned through their implementation and use of Ellucian's Banner and third-party related information systems.

Some of the goals of the organization include:

- Host meetings of its members to share knowledge, experiences, successes, and challenges in the use of Banner and related software;
- Join together to solicit vendor participation, support, and assistance at a higher level than could be achieved as a single institution
- Advocate with other user communities and institutions for solutions that benefit the common good
- Develop collaborative agreements with member schools for the purchase, management and installation of additional Banner systems, tools, and functionality.
- Establish joint technical systems that allow for the sharing of efficiencies among member schools, e.g., disaster recovery planning and shared resourcing.

Membership

Membership in UMBUG is open to colleges and universities in the Midwestern States that are licensed users of Ellucian's Banner enterprise software. All interested faculty, staff, and administrators, from member schools are members of the organization.

Attendance at UMBUG events

Attendance at UMBUG events is open to all interested faculty, staff, administration and contractors of member schools. Contractors attend with the specific understanding that they do not actively market their services to attendees or disclose information that could be considered proprietary to UMBUG schools.

Governance

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is composed of up to three representatives from each member institution, preferably at least one functional and one technical representative. Steering Committee members participate in the administrative work of UMBUG. Each institution is asked to designate at least one steering member.

Executive Committee

The Steering Committee will select a Chair or Co-Chairs, Vice-Chair or Vice Co-Chairs (acting as recorder), and Treasurer. These three to five individuals will form the Executive Committee of the Organization. The Chair and Vice Chair positions serve one-year terms. The Treasurer serves a two-year term. It is recommended that a Vice Chair will assume the Chair role at the conclusion of his/her term. A new Vice Chair will then be selected.

Duties

- The Steering Committee shall have the responsibility of overseeing the operations of the organization. It will also approve/help select the Host School for UMBUG conferences.
- The Executive Committee will have authority to commit funds for the entire organization. It will have authority to enter into agreements for the benefit of the organization.
- At each steering team meeting, the Treasurer will report on the financial status of the organization to the Steering Committee.
- The Chair(s) and Vice Chair(s) will regularly work with UMBUG Coordinator to review recommendations for topics at the upcoming UMBUG conferences and events.

Ex Officio

Participation by the following positions in UMBUG functions will be in a non-voting capacity, at the discretion of the Steering Committee:

- Fiscal Agent
- UMBUG Coordinator
- Web Services

Fiscal Agent

To facilitate the handling of UMBUG expenses and revenues, the Steering Committee will select a fiscal agent school from among its members. The fiscal agent will process payments and revenues for the organization at the direction of the Executive Committee.

Indemnification

Each member school shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each other school and their respective directors, officers, employees, and agents, from and against any liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses (including the reasonable fees of attorneys and other professionals) for the claim of any third party that is not a UMBUG member organization.

Fees

Membership fee – Each member school will pay an annual membership fee. The fee is set by the Steering Committee. With the new annual conference format, the fiscal year will move to a Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 time period, effective on Jan. 1, 2020. At the budget meeting in October of 2020, the Steering Team set the annual membership fee at \$2,500 effective January 1, 2021.

Concordia College has agreed to act as fiscal agent for UMBUG.

Acceptance

Each of the following intuitions has agreed to abide by the above-identified areas of understanding:

1. Bethel University, St. Paul, MN
2. Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire, WI
3. College of St. Benedict / St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville, MN
4. College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN
5. Concordia College, Moorhead, MN
6. Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
7. Lawrence University, Appleton, WI
8. Macalester College, St. Paul, MN
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