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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**UM PRESIDENT'S VISIT STRENGTHENS TIES WITH IRISH UNIVERSITY**

**MISSOULA —**

University of Montana President George M. Dennison recently met with officials at University College Cork, one of UM's key strategic partners in Europe, to discuss ways to further strengthen ties between UM and the university in Cork County, Ireland.

Dennison — accompanied on the trip by his wife, Jane, as well as UM Irish studies Director Katie Kane and Professor Traolach O' Riordain — signed a memorandum of understanding with UCC President Michael Murphy intended to strengthen the partnership between the two institutions.

“University College Cork offers wonderful opportunities for UM students to learn more about the Irish-American experience from the Irish perspective,” Dennison said. “In addition, the congruence of curricula makes it possible for students to plan programs of study that keep them on track for graduation.”

Cooperation between the two universities began in 2003 and now spans several disciplines, including a new collaboration among UM, UCC and the University of Potsdam in Germany to offer a degree in international field geosciences.

During the Oct. 23-24 visit, the UM delegation also met with representatives of UCC's International Education Office; College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences; College of

Business and Law; and College of Science, Engineering and Food Science. Dennison also had a chance to meet with the 11 UM students currently studying abroad at UCC.

For more information call the UM President's Office at 406-243-2311.

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