

ASWWU and WWU Administration stand together to recognize that funding the renovation project for Carver Academic Facility is imperative for student safety and provides an opportunity to make WWU's campus more sustainable. Students value Carver as both an academic and an athletic complex that is an integral part of the student experience at WWU. We are asking for \$5 million to start the renovation project.

- Keeping this project on the requested timeline is essential. Action has been delayed for several years. Further inaction on this life and safety issue is unacceptable.
- Models show that in the event of seismic activity, significant portions of the Carver Complex are subject to catastrophic failure, which would likely result in fatalities and other injuries.
- Additional health and safety concerns currently affecting the building's users include:  
inadequate ventilation, broken heating pipes, and raw sewage seepage.
- Carver is currently not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Carver is home to Physical Education, Health, and Recreation (PEHR), which is the largest department at Western. |Every year, there are 268 academic classes taught in the Carver Academic Facility that enroll 7,677 students. |
- The Carver Gym portion of the facility is the largest enclosed space in Whatcom County and is one of the most visited facilities on campus. It hosts WWU athletic events, graduation ceremonies, and many other WWU functions. In addition, Carver is an important facility to the Whatcom County community, hosting events such as local high school graduation ceremonies and youth athletic programs.

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