

## **Recommendations for Family Workspace**

To: Board of Trustees, Space Administration, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services, Executive Director of Counseling, Health, and Wellness, Western Washington University

From: Associated Students of Western Washington University Executive Board

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Subject: AS Executive Board Recommendations for Family Workspaces

To Whom it Concerns,

The AS Executive Board formally expresses their support to create Family Workspaces at Western Washington University. We would like to create a space where student parents can feel comfortable bringing their children to study and to access campus resources, such as stable internet service to take online and hybrid courses.

In our search for accessible common study areas on campus, the AS Executive Board has identified Haggard Hall 250 and Haggard Hall 350 as ideal locations to be converted into Family Workspaces. These rooms both have immediate elevator access, direct restroom access, are adjacent to the WTA bus line, are accessible 24/7 by students, and are not shared spaces with other classrooms. Additionally, Haggard Hall 250 is on the same floor as the Haggard Hall 233 computer lab which would be beneficial to student parents who do not have access to personal laptops. For this reason, converting Haggard Hall 250 into a Family Workspace is the Board's first choice.

The Board's recommendations for the conversion of this study area into a Family Workspace includes the following:

- Modular furniture
- Painted walls or a cultural mural done by Western students
- Colorful artwork
- Giant bean bag chairs
- Corner book nook - inclusive and diverse children's books complete with a colorful low-pile rug
- Board games and fidget toys for neurodivergent brains
- Appropriate directional signage in Haggard Hall
- Updated wall and online maps
- Gender neutral restroom

The AS Executive Board would like to continue working with the University to ensure the transition of Haggard Hall 250 into a Family Workspace.

Thank you,

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