

Western Michigan University Joint Capital Outlay Presentation

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Broncos have purpose. Broncos thrive. Broncos prosper.

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Broncos

are employed
quickly, working
in their field in
jobs they like

Only MI institution in Campus Community
Network for viewpoint diversity, open inquiry and constructive disagreement.

Top

100

in the nation
for 6 graduate
programs

1 of 133
public institutions
classified as a high
research university

of graduates are working or continuing their education

#2
ranked aviation
college in the
nation



Investments in Infrastructure, Modernization & Sustainability

Our Goal:

To meet the instructional and personal needs of our students, faculty and staff by providing facilities and spaces on campus that allow them to grow and thrive.

Capital Outlay Projects:

- Aviation Education Center-\$20M (\$15M State share) completed in March 2021, located in Battle Creek
- Dunbar Hall- \$42.7M (\$30M State share), scheduled to be completed 2024, part of instructional complex w/ Knauss Hall

University Funded Projects (snapshot):

- Student Center & Dining Facility- \$99M
- Western Heights & Arcadia Flats- \$158.8M
- Valley Dining Center- \$34.6M
- During past 10 years WMU has invested over \$382M in capital projects across campus.
- Over last 7 year nearly \$35M additional investment in deferred maintenance.











Knauss Hall Proposal

Our Goal:

Continue efforts to modernize campus instructional facilities to meets the needs of the 21st Century student.

Knauss Hall:

- Built in 1971 as part of a 3-building instructional facility complex.
 Integrated/share infrastructure w/ Dunbar Hall. Proposed renovation \$35M (\$26.25M state share).
- Largest lecture hall building on campus that serves students from every academic college on campus. 40% of campus lecture hall (200+ capacity) space is located here.
- Serves as a campus meeting space for the entire campus community. 2,400 students have utilized the building for meetings/events this academic year.
- In desperate need of modernization to meet current code and accessibility requirements to ensure all individuals can utilize the space.







- Public universities like WMU, who are more than 100 years old, have aging campuses and infrastructures that are in desperate need of investment.
- While we appreciate past investments, more needs to be done to provide predictability and certainty as it relates to major Capital Outlay projects.
- Public university infrastructure investment is the best way to infuse critical dollars into local economies across the state, supporting skilled trades and improving campuses for generations to come.