

Unit Facilities and Technology

The PEU unit has good facilities on campus to support candidates in meeting standards and adequate facilities in partnering school to support professional educator training. As part of our facilities renewal and maintenance process, each year departments submit capital projects for needs in their respective buildings and areas. This is a University wide exercise focused on priorities first regarding health and safety, second on program and department needs and thirdly on new programs, innovation or esthetics. The past two years we have been able to provide some needed building remodeling and repurposing. One major project was the remodeling of Brown Hall to accommodate the new Leet Early Childhood Center, a cafeteria and newly repurposed space for Horace Mann Lab students. This project, which benefits many of our candidates by a campus hands-on learning experience, cost well over \$200,000. Approximately \$120,000 was supported by a Northwest Foundation gift and the remainder was in-kind work from our facilities services crews and other University funding. Now our educator candidates and our P-6 students have a nurturing learning environment to learn and grow.

Additional facility projects have enriched the learning environment of our candidates. An example of a facilities project would be the renewal of the basement of the Valk building which now is home to the department of Humanities and Social Sciences. The department offices were previously in the Thompson Ringold Building and modules outside the building served as classrooms. All classrooms now are inclusive in structural building and are no longer housed in temporary units. Additional projects included the remodel of the Fine and Performing Arts facility to include two office renovations, renovations to the chorale music room, the band room, the music practice rooms, print making and photography labs were remodeled and the blackbox theatre was added to the Mary Lynn Performing Arts Center. The wi-fi capabilities in all campus buildings were assessed and additional access was added to all campus buildings. The McKemy building was repurposed to serve as a math lab for competency based testing and instruction to meet the needs of the students to prepare for college level math. As a result of the math lab being implemented, the RPDC moved to the Thompson-Ringold Building and a remodel of that space to service the needs of their staff and meeting needs of P-12 partners. The past two years the Owens Library has undergone a dramatic transformation both in their mission of serving students and how they purpose areas in the library to serve Northwest students better. The access and use of the library has increased dramatically in the past two years. These projects and costs are outlined below.

Project	Cost
Valk Center remodel to include Department of Humanities and Social Sciences	\$3.145M
Remodel of Fine and Performing Arts Building (two office renovated, renovation of Chorale music room, band room, practice rooms, and the print making and photography classroom and/or lab	\$164K
Blackbox Theatre	\$3.81M
Remodel of McKemy for Math Lab	\$164K
Remodel of Thompson-Ringold for the Regional Professional Development Center (RPDC)	\$4500
Owens Library Remodel	\$25K