Project Description

• Over the last couple of years, President Nolte and President Buchanan engaged in a series of conversations about how to further strengthen the relationship between UW and Casper College (CC) by building a much needed new, joint facility on the CC campus. This project provides a major new facility that will support expanded opportunities for students who wish to take advantage of all that the two institutions have to offer.

• In 2010, 423 students enrolled in UW/CC credit courses, with a total of more than 900 students when professional development enrollment is added. Last year, students graduated with degrees in elementary education, industrial technology education, social work, biology, communication, criminal justice, ecology, English, humanities and fine arts, journalism, mathematics and science, nursing, political science, psychology, social science, nursing and social work.

• Project is currently approximately 95,000 gross square feet. The space is allocated in roughly equivalent amounts between UW and Casper College.
Location on Campus
Proposed Building
Terms of Lease Agreement

• UW will make a $16 million contribution toward construction of $32 million facility
  – UW received legislative approval to issue $10 million in revenue bonds; and
  – $6 million in accumulated federal mineral royalties
• UW’s lease term is 50 years with the opportunity for two 5-year extensions at the conclusion of the 50-year term (at a rate to be negotiated)
• UW will have 2 floors of exclusive space for classrooms and offices and use of common space including bookstore and student union
• UW/Casper will agree on the project design specifications
• Casper will have responsibility for construction with input from UW
• UW will have opportunity to approve all furnishings, fixtures and equipment
• UW/Casper will execute a shared operating and maintenance agreement separate from the lease agreement
Project Timeline

• Approvals previously secured for project budget from UW and CC Boards, WY Community College Commission, State Building Commission, Governor, legislature, and Natrona County voters
• Casper Board of Trustees formally approved the lease agreement on February 22, 2011
• Additional milestones for the project include the following:
  – Level I document completed February 17, 2011.
  – Level II or the schematic design began Feb. 21, 2011 and will be completed April 15, 2011. A 50% review of the Level II work is scheduled March 10, 2011. The completion of the schematic design should also include an initial cost estimate.
  – UW revenue bonds will need to be issued in late summer or early fall 2011 (no later than November 30, 2011); will access FMR cash until then
  – Level III construction documents should be completed by late November 2011
  – Construction is planned to begin in April 2012
  – Construction should be completed late in calendar year 2013