QUESTION 4: Please check the three things that you feel Sangren Hall needs that it currently lacks. Please comment if possible.

Comments and clarification.

Take my suggestions with a grain of salt, because this is my first time here.

The clinic space is critical. This is a core part of instruction and a central place where we interact with the community.

Meeting space is also particularly important for graduate training and research mentoring. During dissertation defenses, there is often insufficient space for members of the academic community and guests of the doctoral candidate to attend.

Given the university press for increased distance learning and the college commitment to offering distance learning programs, it is critical that our use of relevant technologies is seamless.

Sangren is just too out-dated and doesn't inspire us students to apply advancing knowledge the way other buildings do like East Campus or newer buildings like Brown.

I don't currently work in Sangren. From my perspective, the building probably needs all of the above.

Sangren needs a centralized space for student services, so that they can make ONE stop as opposed to running all over the damn building. Also, we need a centralized space for files so that student information is consolidated.

Honestly, this forced choice is difficult because we need ALL of these things - updated classrooms, improved office space, open common space, etc.

Sangren really needs to have all of these things. And, although I would like to see Sangren Hall as the official "teacher education building," this is not going to happen. I believe the university cares very little about teacher education programs, and the college as a whole.

Considering how heavily Sangren is used for classes, even outside of education and counseling, a modern space is absolutely necessary. This building is very outdated and does not project a positive image for the university. A modernized library with a commons area would be ideal. We need more common space for students to meet with groups or study individually. A modern cafe with seating would be great also with a larger selection of prepared foods.

I could check most of the above. However, the building lacks rooms appropriate for graduate classes. Teaching doctoral seminars in rooms with 40 desks is an unpleasant experience. The way the classrooms and offices are configured reminds me of the junior high school I attended. WMU is a graduate research institution. There needs to be spaces created conducive to graduate study, teaching, and collegial interaction between faculty and graduate students. There also needs to be spaces created for undergraduate students to study between classes. Now they sit on the floor in the hallways.

I really could have used more choices on this one. We need a central lobby. Department offices need a work room as well as large enough offices to work (business and engineering are good examples for departmental offices), we need study lounges, faculty and staff lounges would be nice (again, the College of Business at WMU is a good example of this). These are just things I see from the staff standpoint. I am sure there are lots more from the faculty/student standpoint.

I wasn't sure whether I wanted to check the "common space" item or the "informal study space" item--I think the two could co-exist. Sangren currently does not have a clear entrance or central gathering space. When someone says they'll meet in the Sangren "lobby"-- what does that mean? The Atrium? (and which floor)? or the entryway with the centennial display? or...??

A variety of spaces would be great. Need versatility in classroom spaces and office spaces, including rooms for multiple people for grants.

We need to do away with the desks as they are right now - the seats with the connected table tops - and go with tables and chairs that are movable. We also need to have working, user friendly technology available in each classroom. They also need to be larger - more like the classrooms in the 2100 hallway that belong to TLL.
Check only 3? I could check just about all of them! The entire list (with only one or two exceptions) should be on the "required" list for a Sangren renovation.

Even though I didn't check this area, I want to give some feedback about the large lecture halls. My son-in-law (in his early 30s) just finished a class which took place in a lecture hall in Sangren. He is a bit over 6 feet tall and weighs about 200 (large, not huge). He had a horrible time fitting himself, his backpack, his notebook/computer, his coat, etc., into the small seat. The instructor required that students sit next to one another (leave no spaces, no room to spread out), so everyone was crammed together. This is not an environment that is conducive to learning.

I couldn't limit myself to three. Given the number of faculty and students served by the building, as many of those changes as practical need to be made. For example, because of locking most, if not all, the classrooms to protect the equipment, the informal study spaces, quiet spaces for working, and informal meeting spaces are practically all gone. We also need to keep in mind that a large number of graduate students use the building, and that they also have space needs that should be considered.

I can spend about 20 minutes in those chairs before I'm looking at the clock wondering how much longer before I can leave.

Everyone seems to converge in the first floor in front of the stairs and into the two hallways that the space leads to.

Lecture halls were out dated in 1978....haven't improved much since then.

The current common study spaces do not have enough plugs for laptops.

I have realized the exterior first, and often the rest, are one of the major impressions many people will take away from a short visit to WMU - it "fronts" onto the main walk along W. Mich. Ave., where almost everyone goes on the way to anywhere at WMU. It should look like something much nicer than a concrete wall! In many ways the external impression could be as valuable to WMU as a whole as to the College of Ed.

It really needs almost ALL of these things on the list. Even if Sangren Hall were brand new, the existing format/structure is not conducive to learning. The layout of the building is quite confusing and difficult for students to navigate. There are also not enough common spaces for faculty and students to gather. It is too easy to feel isolated.

There are many of these that you could bundle. A modernized library could include group study spaces, group study rooms.

I could really use built in cupboards and more bulletin boards! I presently use storage cabinets that are very tacky. Also someone left file cabinets, that I store teaching supplies in. (The classes I teach require many different supplies and materials.) A new look would help all of us immensely.

A place that embraces 2050 technology, but remains a central campus anchor. Dr. Sangren's Hall.

It must respect the thousands of educators and social scientists that plied its hallways.

Sangren is so close to center of campus and the student dormitories, it needs to be a space for meeting with friends to study. It has the potential to really lift WMU to the next level.

I remember I never used the sangren library unless I was required to for class, I would always go to waldo, bring in some of those qualities to the sangren library.

I disagree with the last box which states "Variety of classrooms/ teaching spaces (sizes & arrangements)"; this was one of the largest problems my professors would have. They could never expect to have the same thing in each room or the same set up and equipment. I would make it more consistent.

I think Sangren needs all of the items mentioned, and it is certainly difficult to narrow just to three. Just modernizing the building will enhance some of the current problems.

I could cite almost all of these.... but my choices are based on thinking about what would happen if we didn't get the big renovation/rebuild.
Needed is space for simple, quick technology. The prof and quickly bring up a web site or image database for the whole class to see. But it needs to be versatile for changing tech.

Meeting spaces for working on team projects is important.

Can the cafe use a courtyard? some shelter from sun and rain?

Maps at each entry, it helps people understand the confusing layout, then they get lost less.

The bathrooms in Sangren are probably the worst part. There too many out of order signs, or the doors won't close or lock. The gap between the doors and the stall wall are embarassing because people can easily see in. It would also be great if the stalls could be a little bit larger. Try cramming into one with a winter coat, an overstuffed back pack, and a purse. You can't do it. I would also love to see water saving toilets, and automatic faucets.

Needs to be similar to Brown Hall

Sangren needs larger and more up-to-date lecture halls.

Sangren needs many or all of these things!

Sangren needs almost all of these things. It is hard to choose just three.

The image of Sangren is horrible. It is known for being filled with asbestos, it is known to be falling apart, ceiling tiles falling down, walls and paint crumbling, poor heating/ventilation. Only 1 working elevator in the building. The image couldn't be any more negative for WMU!

Students crowd into the small quiet lounge areas on each floor of the north side of Sangren. As more and more students have laptops and study between classes, etc. I see students sitting in the hallways on the floor all the time working on laptops - especially since all classrooms are kept locked now because of technology there needs to be alot more space for students to sit and work and read and wait for classes.

We need more community conference rooms available for use by staff and faculty.

(Improved signage would be important IF we keep the same layout. If the layout is easier to follow that won't be such an issue.)

I had a class in a lecture hall and it was so miserable because there was no circulation and no air conditioning. It got to be so hot the teacher cancelled class. The building doesn't need to have AC, however, it should have windows so that the learning environment is not greatly effected by the heat.

The classrooms need to be re done. The desk/chair combo need to go. They are uncomfortable.

The university is steady growing and the campus needs more classrooms. Open it up more so that it's inviting and more welcoming to our students, parents, faculty &amp; staff!

basically the lecture halls are just toooo old and need a new renovation with no broken seating and nice color floor and paint to make you feel that your not in a run down old building

younger people eat when they study...more smaller food areas with a variety of options ( think comfort food- pb&amp;j, mac n cheese-not the standard) and hours-classes do not end at 3 and some start at 7:30-8 a.m. coffee and breakfast sandwhiches would be great. if the center of the building was more open- right now its called the dungeon.

Honestly, picking only three is about impossible. I would say that the classrooms, whether large or big, need to be renovnated the most. However, a number of other features would be helpful, including open spaces, additional informal study spaces, and a modernized library.

It truly needs all the things listed. By doing so will give the campus a new look and will give WMU another building to be proud of. State of the art buildings and technology will help attract new students with a "wow" factor; factor. Give future students something to look forward to and something that other university's dont have.

I would like if there were some kind of seating/benches in the hallways for students to sit while waiting for class. Currently students often sit on the floor while waiting.

The classrooms in particularly are cramped, hot during the summer months and unappealing. The furniture is appalling.
Learning cannot only happen in large lecture halls -- a wide spectrum of classroom sizes will enable faculty and students to engage in more collaborative and effective learning/teaching practices. State-of-the-art multimedia and technology, though only a tool, is necessary for any new building on campus.

It needs almost all of these. Can't rank! Too many!

Just needs to be brought up to date! It's not as bad as McKracken, but let's not let it get there... By the way, McKracken should be a parking garage!

Again, I feel that Sangren Hall could become the hub health food cafe as a cafeteria that offers whole local and organic foods

more/better space for students outside the classroom and lab;

The Education Library is an integral part of the College of Education in Sangren and needs to be re-designed to meet the needs of today's library users. That collection will NOT fit into Waldo Library, so please plan for a library in the renovated Sangren.

The signage is in much need of updating, especially for students not accustomed to main campus.

I have never been in a large lecture hall but have heard that it is quite outdated. I believe that instead of desks there should tables and chairs somewhat like wood hall.

Sanren hall is located very centrally on campus and is therefore a great place to have group meetings etc. I think Flossie's is a charming little cafe and does not need improvement.

In many of the classes I have taken in Sangren, the professors have had difficulties with the multimedia equipment.

I also feel that a renovated Sangren would benefit from a few open spaces. Most of the time, it is difficult to even walk through the halls in Sangren because their are too many people waiting outside the doors of the classrooms because their is nowhere else to go.

It would be really nice to have new furniture for the classrooms - the small desks are uncomfortable; tables with cushioned chairs would be much nicer.

It would be great to modernize the library - the furniture is old and uncomfortable and the lighting is poor; more natural lighting and a cleaner, newer feel would make it much more appealing. (This also includes the study rooms in the library.)

There is no focal point or central space in Sangren - this would be a nice touch - whether it's in the center or near the enterances.

better and more centralized student computer areas w/printing abilities (like BHC Keypad!)

Being that Western is one of the top schools for Education and the Education department is in Sangren Hall, it needs to look and feel good to others considering Western as their school to attend. An updated appearance with many updated options throughout the building that would show the importance of Sangren to WMU is desperately needed.

I would like to see more areas that are similar to those of Brown Hall; areas where students can study, meet with groups or professors, or just to have some quiet time to themselves. The lecture halls are dirty and feel prison-like because of the walls. The cafeteria is not big enough to accomodate all of the students that Sangren Hall attracts, and the food options are limited.

With Western Michigan being a nationally recognized school for education majors, and Sangren being the main building for that I feel an updated building both internally and externally would help draw more students to the college.

Need larger rooms if its a lecture room, always annoying when there was 60 students and the chairs where all crooked and hard to get to some seats in the back of the room.

I can't speak regarding the faculty offices firsthand, but I've heard that they also greatly need attention.

Also, again, an eco-friendly design would be greatly appreciated and supported; with the HHS building receiving top accolades in this area, and the need to lower the costs of running the campus, I would think that taking steps to make Sangren's ecological impact as low (perhaps negative? solar panels+efficient construction...) as possible would be ideal for both short and long-term development of the campus.

One that I feel merits mentioning: one major issue I've had with the building is that it seems to lack a fair bit of coherency. Creating one or two focus places for the building might help greatly in alleviating this.

The whole building is so confusing to find your way around. It needs more signs, stating things like Education Dept. this way, and such
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It would be nice to have a space for students and faculty to interact that's not just the faculty offices. Also the offices in Sangren are kind of hidden and hard to find especially for new students. They need to be in a better location and it would be nice if there were somewhere else for us to interact with faculty because it's always nice to actually get to know your professors as well, not just ask them questions about classes all the time.

I mentioned the lecture halls in the areas that left a negative impression. They are just not conducive to learning. They need to be completely redesigned, at least the two old ones.

I don't feel that there is a real central spot in Sangren, simple as that. It would be nice to feel like you can have a central place to meet or walk in and feel like you're in a building meant for a professional attitude.

Open spaces are always nice. And it seems that there are very few of these in this building. It just feels better and less stressful when you have extra space.

More informal space would be great too! It's nice to study in Sangren, on the side that has a HUGE window towards the Valleys, although there are only about 10 chairs...that.

In every room there is are different media capabilities, it would nice for all the rooms to be up to date.

The large lecture halls are depressing. You come in and the last thing you want to do is sit in there. The chairs are broken and uncomfortable. Some classrooms are way to big for some of the classes I have had, while in others we have been crammed into them. It would be nice to have better size and arrangements.

I don't think we need to have a lot of space for quiet work and group study areas. It would nice to have a few but the more we have the more classrooms we loose.

The outdoor seating would be nice. Get rid of the big black surface and add some grass. It would be so much better. or make it a parking lot. it is so hard to find parking for some especially during finals. The cafe place having more options or healthier food options would probably bring others for other departments. The quality of the classrooms are ok, they serve their purpose, but that's it. What if there was more life and to the place with plants like i said before. : )

People always get lost in Sangren.

I know function should be as important as image, but I truly believe that when students and faculty see themselves in a space that is innovative and professional, they feel the same. When desks are falling apart, ceiling tiles stained and missing, walls and floors in shabby shape-- these aesthetics may seem unimportant, but they shape the way students see themselves. A professional space encourages a professional attitude.

It would be nice to have a computer lab in this building that is open at all times, along with separate computer labs for classrooms to rent out. A friendlier library would be nice too. It would just be nice to be able to get work done late in Sangren.

Lecture halls are over used and run down

I don't feel that the building is conducive to meeting with other students or faculty members, since the current locations are limited to the uncomfortable &quot;lobby&quot; (if you can really call it that), or the uncomfortably small gallery.

as i stated in my previous section the library and flossies are beyond outdated i wouldn't be surprised if sangren looks the exact same as it did when it was built in the 50s Flossies definitely needs to be updated. That is one of the few places in Sangren where i can meet with friends and I feel as though I am in the teachers lounge at my junior high. There is nothing cool or edgy about it.

I'm not into an overhaul. Just minor improvements, focus on an area or two.

Yes, yes, yes! See notes from page before. We need all these things. Model classrooms for education majors, better Reading Clinic with real rooms for tutoring instead of using stuffy office space.

Advising offices are too small, it is difficult to accommodate a student and their parents in these offices

I have never had a class in Sangren so i hesitate to make too many judgements of what is needed. Maybe a common area for cafe' and study

Sangren actually needs all of the above items. The current building is not designed for the 21st century

Has the university considered returning to including a laboratory school for early childhood, elementary and special needs students and the university students who need those experiences?
Actually, the building could use ALL of the above listed items.

Sangren is an eyesore.

Sangren hall lacks several aspects that need to be improved to create a effective learning environment. The library has books that are too old to even reference. Most instructors do not allow sources 10 years or older. It is hard to locate sources that are new and updated.

The main hall and cafe were always packed. Almost everyone has classes in Sangren their first and second years. It’s really where a first impression needs to be made. How many students will ever set foot in the beautiful Chemistry or Health buildings? Fewer than will be shuffled through Sangren.

It seems like it needs it all.

I think it just needs a little interior decorating.

The classroom need to have technology in them. And chairs that fit adults.

The biggest needs in my opinion are the lecture halls and classrooms. Personally, I never studied in the building, but perhaps that is because there wasn't comfortable space available.

Lecture halls are important, but I’d like to see more focus on including nicer furniture in smaller classroom.

I think having the education library in the building is it's greatest asset. I haven’t really noticed how outdated the library is because I find it to be open, bright, and conducive to learning. They’ve done well to keep technology updated. Please keep the Ed library in this building.

Regarding the first item listed, what "School" is being referenced? There is a College of Education housed in Sangren, but there is Sociology as well, plus the as yet unclaimed or undesignated first floor. If you mean to reference the University, then University should be used.

The image of Sangren Hall is outdated and uninviting. There are few classrooms that have the capabilities for multimedia that is actually being used in other buildings. There are few meeting spaces for students in Sangren. This hall happens to be a major building for education majors and when we want to meet, there are few places to sit down and have a meeting.

Holy SAmokes--to leave rest room facilities off the list--stacks the deck--and I teach survey design. Really, take a little trip around the toilets and their 50s environments (at least the Mens), and you will wish you had added this!

The building needs to be designed so that it encourages students to stay in the building, study together and alone. Faculty spaces need to encourage collaboration among faculty, and provide space to confer with 1-4 students in a space.

I feel that a lot of people tend to congregate in the main hall way, if there were more common student spaces, I feel that it would be a more pleasant building.

The current video conferencing room in sangren is outdated. A nicer set-up for giving small presentations would look much more professional for teaching, or masters / doctoral defenses. It would improve the image of the university to guests and other schools that could remotely see our set-up and be impressed with it's quality.

would also go with update multimedia capabilities for the entire building, update lecture halls, quiet space for working, signage improvements, improved cafe space. If space for employee parking not going to be open up again, then put grass there and make it a welcoming space to be able to sit down and just chill, study, or to just sit with friends and enjoy the setting. Make it so that visitors to campus would be impressed. Give a WOW factor.

It is hard to pick just 3.

I would add:

improved cafe space

signage improvements (and PLEASE do not use pink and blue signs to indicate women's and men's restrooms, as someone has done on Floor 3 - very genderist/sexist)

additional group study spaces (the library rooms are not very inviting)

outdoor seating, especially in combination with the cafe

quiet space for working (graduate students who do not have an office in Sangren have a hard time finding a place to work, and those who do have an office are cramped, and that office is dirty, outdated)

One serious thing I have experienced that I find irritating is that students who wait for class to start will sit on the floor of the hallways with their feet stretched out, making the building look unprofessional and making it difficult to walk through. I have also found it difficult to wait outside an advisor's office just standing there in the hallway. Older students cannot always stand around, either. Some sort of common space or seating might help with this problem.
These classrooms are terribly outdated, the lighting fixtures give students headaches, the flooring is awful and the furniture in the buildings is outdated and looks really bad. The clinic areas should be expanded, and the school in general needs an updated look.

One thing that makes a bad impression on some people is the paper signs to direct people to out of the way or oddly number classrooms. I think more permanent signage would have a better aesthetic.

I have heard that there are already plans to redo the blacktop area outside of Sangren Hall with all the yellow tables and umbrellas. I don't understand why that was built if plans were immediately made to redo the space. The space is practically unusable given that the only time you can use it is during the spring/summer and who wants to sit on a hot blacktop with hot seating in the hot sun. It would be more economically advantageous for the university to design functional spaces from the onset of construction.

Sangren needs more room, and updated classrooms. I'd like a large area with more settings to either sit or study alone or in a group, as well as some better seating in the classrooms. I realize there's a budget but the desks in Sangren are absolutely uncomfortable and the classes seem cramped.

It actually needs ALL of these things! It was very difficult to choose three.

The only effective use of our money is to make the building as energy efficient as possible and run on 100% renewable energy. This way the building will actually help reduce WMU's carbon footprint and allow the building to actually pay for itself in energy cost over the lifetime of the building.

Please remove the seating from in front of Sangren. The tables and chairs set into asphalt looks ridiculous and is unusable during hot weather. Either return the space to a parking lot or put grass in.

Those three are just the tip of the iceberg. I also feel that signage improvements, more meeting/studying places and a new modern look are important to the image of Western Michigan.

I actually believe that all of these things are important to include. Since I am limited to three choices, I have selected what I believe to be the overall priorities that encompass the most needs.

EVERYTHING INSIDE OF THE BUILDING MUST BE IMPROVED ON!! THE ENTIRE BUILDING IS HORRIBLE!!! IT IS A DISGRACE TO TREAT EDUCATORS AND FUTURE EDUCATORS WITH SUCH LACK OF RESPECT PERSONIFIED BY THE HORRIBLE CONDITIONS OF THE BUILDING

Open floor plans are more inviting for people to use. Increasing openness and including a good cafe that serves local, healthy foods will help foster student faculty interaction. Informal learning opportunities are almost as valuable to our education as being lectured in front of a class and should be fostered by creating common use areas that intermix students and faculty.

Variety of classrooms would be beneficial - this way professors could possibly select classrooms that would be conducive to their style of teaching

Faculty offices are important, but low on the list compared to student learning space and public impression spaces

Just a cosmetic upgrade would be of a great benefit to learning at Sangren and appearance of WMU buildings

I’ve had two class in Sangren where the class room was the seating was very cramped and it made it hard to excel well in the class because it was an uncomfortable setting. I also had a lecture in Sangren where the seats where uncomfortable, the blue seats. Everything just looks so out dated. When I walk into class I feel as if I went back to the past.

It would be nice if the building were easier to navigaige.

Again, I haven't been in there, so these are things that I imagine it lacks....

The classrooms need a big improvement, new wall colors, more comfortable chairs in the lecture halls, larger classrooms that are not overcrowded with desks

we need more smart classrooms with technology bunkers

I also like the idea for additional group study spaces because there really aren't designated places esp when there are group projects.

Variety of classrooms/teaching spaces is one I hadn't thought of but like the idea because this gives students the opportunity for variety giving them different experiences to teach, give speeches, role play and learn.

Provide all classrooms with a "plug and play" ability for professors to use projectors for multimedia, response systems and in smaller rooms, interactive white boards. Future educators must get first hand modeling and experience teaching and learning with interactive white boards because in their teaching careers (probably sooner rather than later) they WILL have to teach with them.

If it is a place to train teachers then make it about education and teachers. It just isn't very conducive to learning. There just isn't anything positive to say about Sangren at this point. The upgrades are way over due.
As of now I enjoy the computer labs in the building. They're smaller and more intimate than most of the others and I enjoy that factor, I feel less pressure in them.

This is an odd survey. The vast majority of the use Sangren gets is in its regular classrooms, yet none of these choices reflect "updated" or "improved" or "better" classrooms.

I think Sangren's image is really important because it's one of the main buildings on campus, it's in the center of our campus, and it's been there for a long time. I'm happy that it will be renovated because so many classes take place there and the lack of technological capabilities is becoming more of an inconvenience these days. Also, many of our alumni have graduated from the Education College and remember Sangren hall. When they come back to visit they see Brown Hall and the Richmond Center; Sangren really can't compare.

I have indicated my three top choices but I would also like to emphasize the need for a focal point/central space where people can find necessary information for navigating the building as well as providing a meeting place. Also, the current status of classrooms leaves much to be desired as we have so many rooms with small chairs with a paddle desk for writing. There are only 4 or 5 rooms that are large enough to accommodate larger round tables where students can meet in groups of 5 or 6 and the need for this arrangement needs to be at least doubled or tripled. We also offer a reading clinic for area children that needs to be more easily accessed by parents who need a convenient place to park, drop off their student, and find the clinic easily within the building. Technology must be updated and we desperately need enough tech staff to maintain the equipment and to help students and faculty to use it.

Sangren looks really nice from the front but when you step inside it goes downhill quickly. The lecture halls look ancient and the study spaces available are kind of creepy, and space is very limited. I usually end up studying at Flossie's because it's more comfortable and there are tables so I can spread out. The focal point/central space and signage improvements kind of go together. The layout makes it difficult for easy-to-read signs. Several times I found myself confused by the lack of a central space to use as a base. I enjoy Flossies, but I think improvements could be made to the seating area to make it more inviting.

Sangren needs all of the above drastically!!! It needs an updated image for the school, an updated multimedia capabilities, additional common space FOR STUDENTS and for faculty, updated lecture halls, (cause many seats are broken and the pull down screens get stuck almost every time), quiet space for working throughout the building, focal point/central space (with a water fountain because that adds to the relaxing atmosphere), open spaces for students to congregate when waiting for a class to start, definitely need outdoor seating (at least several benches) and we need a modern and bigger cafeteria for the students to hang out and enjoy their appetite!!! And yes, we need a variety of classrooms and teaching spaces to be able to accommodate all the students!!! I wrote this all out because it said to only choose 3 but Sangren needs more than that!

the signage is the worst part of sangren. also the classrooms are all one size and completely outdated

I checked more than three because I believe that there are just too many things that need to be improved. MANY things. It's very old and not conducive to learning at all. I think the new Sangren needs to be adaptable for future (and unknown) uses. I am personally unsure about the distance learning/on-line classes, but feel that it is the way of the future. Huge, impersonal lecture halls may fall out of favor for smaller, more interactive spaces. Rigid, unchangeable walls may be cheaper or more efficient, but in 15 years (or likely less), we may need to make radical changes. Major funding for renovation may not come around for another 40+ years, so we need to plan ahead.

While the Sangren I remember had a very stately look I'd like to see something a little more architectural in structure. Something with an artistic appeal

I feel Sangren needs most of the things listed above. I could not choose,

Very important are: updated multimedia capabilities throughout building. Modernize library with more space, classroom & student group study rooms, updated lecture halls, focal point/central space, a gathering place.

Informal study spaces: see previous note concerning Parkview breakout rooms / hallway spaces

Open spaces: See previous note concerning natural light & open areas

Signage: See previous note concerning maps / color coding.

Too many to list. Please renovate East Hall first!!!!
Having multimedia in the hole building is not necessary if the staff can not work it or what to use it. Plus I think that future teachers need to learn how to teach with little to no media abilities in the room.

I think just more of an open space both outside and inside should be utilized

Sangren being the education building (amongst other things, of course) it is important that students and professors alike have access to as many different types of technology and media as possible, as this is an essential part of successful teaching, and knowing how to use the many types of technology is detrimental to getting a teaching job in this day and age. It also would be good to have a variety of classrooms/teaching spaces, as teachers need to learn to work in different environments, not to mention that it’s nice to have variety as you go from class to class-- helps keep you on your toes and not feel like you’re doing the same mundane things over and over again each day.

The classrooms alone are not big enough and are cold and outdated. There is a severe lack of common space within the halls of the building

I chose four. Sorry for deviating from the directions.

The building currently looks old and gross

I am not familiar with specifics on the current use of the building. I do know the front (former parking) lot is a definite negative image.

I don’t think Sangren needs to be a building of technology and scientific advances. It is kind of a simple building, and I think it’s essence should be kept as such. Instead, I would like to see the bad and ugly gutted, and the original things that stood the test of time and are still functional and historically important or beautiful kept. Improve the community feel, such as adding outdoor spaces to relax in, or opening the building up a little with some more windows (that building is so dark and gloomy!). Essentially, improve on greatness, update things like the floor tiles, but keep things like the wall paintings on the ground floor, and the stoop overlooking the parking lot. Keep what makes the building Sangren, but update what is molding, decaying, or otherwise serves no purpose for enhancing the look or feel of the building. Keep the old, but add some new. Keeping some of the original building of Sangren will only add to students pride of Western and it's academic buildings (think of east campus).

We need more spaces for informal gathering and a pleasant cafe space for snack or meal gatherings

The condition of Sangren is poor and should have a central space to make the building feel more welcoming

A variety of classrooms/teaching spaces could be highly beneficial IF classes/instructors are able to get those that best fit their needs, rather than getting stuck with those inappropriate to their needs.

I find the option of “improved clinic spaces” odd, as I was unaware that any clinic spaces at all currently existed in Sangren.

Please see previous pages for comments regarding media and signage improvements.

Rooms are small, stuffy, and feel old.

Currently, there is little space for students and faculty to meet, or for students to collaborate. The existing library spaces in the building are cramped (esp Visual Resource and the Video Collection) or lack private areas for collaborating (Education Library). The hallways outside of lecture halls are small and cramped and make it difficult for students or students and faculty to meet after class.

Although there is a lounge-type area near the stairs by the parking-lot entrance, it is remote and poorly furnished (although the windows there are nice) -- the space is more like an afterthought. I can’t speak to what Flossie’s Cafe is like as a space, because I’ve never gone in, but from the hallway, it looks a bit unwelcoming.

Sangren needs many of these things - not just three. I think the most important for the building to function at a higher level is the need for a focal point/central space. A variety of classrooms are needed as there are several kinds and sizes of classes that take place in the building. I feel a better cafe could serve the campus as a whole versus just the building.

A different physical environment may improve student-faculty interaction, which, right now does not exist at all.

desks are too small. it is not good for left handed people. building looks old. make it earth friendly

The lecture halls need to be updated!

You have to utilize the two courtyards better, never once did I step into them but they could be used more effectively if they were just taken care of

I think just making the place look new would be awesome.
As an educator who is nervous about our need to "keep up with the jones'" when it comes to technology, I fear nothing more than a new Sangren that is going to be super high-tech. Politicians and university administrators love to show-off the latest and greatest technology, spending millions to fill rooms with all sorts of audio-visual gadgets, that never really get used by professors or students. Computer labs are great, and computers in the library too, but I would be sad if I walked into the new hall and it looked like the engineering campus. I think it should be very classic and traditional in design.

I feel updated computer labs are essential. The current ones in Sangren look like a museum for outdated computing equipment. I’m not very familiar with the building except by walking through it, so can’t speak to the technical needs. I didn’t realize there was a clinic there.

Many programs have a central &quot;meeting place&quot; where students can expect to find other students in their classes- CHHS has the student atrium, music students have the two lounges in Dalton and Sprau, business majors have the cafe in Schneider, honors students have the LHC lounge. Sangren does not seem to have one place where students can be comfortable in their building between classes.

The chairs in the large lecture halls are old and outdated. The colors of the hall also make it an old, outdated feeling which isn't very inviting or exciting.

Lose the cube, brick building theme on campus. Cubed, brick buildings don't seem like they would inspire students to view WMU as a place full of creativity.

Sangren is in a very important location on campus. That building needs to be the one of the best buildings on campus in order to give the school a good image. Open spaces a must!

It would be nice to have outdoor sitting as well as a cafe' with Big screen TV and some leather seats for comfort to do homework.

A cleaning staff!

Don't waste space....lots of money is spent on making things look good, but is it efficient, easy to clean, and overall an efficient building?

Better seating/ bigger office at the advising offices- I’m always stuck sitting on the floor in the hallway.

Enhance the building sim to the new chemistry building.

Keeping things new, clean and tidy would improve the study environment.

In the engineering college, each person has an outlet for their laptop charger cord and an ethernet hook-up. I feel that Sangren could use this idea in the big lecture halls because most student's laptops run out of juice during the longer lectures.

In general the building needs to feel more open and not so boxed in.

Signage needed big time to sort out how to find one's way around in building. A central map would be nice, preferably with walk-away copies available, as they are in the library.

Please don't make space so spread out that it's necessary to walk miles before actually getting anywhere, as in approach to H &amp; HS building or interior of Engineering College.

Classrooms should have functional spaces with seating that doesn't suggest naptime (as does seating in H &amp; HS College lovely mass lecture room.)

As I’ve stated before, Sangren is the base for the education field here at Western, and being that Western puts out some of the best teachers in America, I see it only necessary to provide a picture perfect place for their development, as well as fulfilling the duties technologically that Brown Hall, and the Health and Human Service Building have to offer.

All the hall right now is basically the hall ways and then classrooms. The computer room and library are very small and do not offer much room in order to relax between classes. Also the cafe is very outdated. The hall just needs more room in order to meet with group projects or study alone.

It would be nice to see Sangren with a new finish to it. By that I mean newer technology and making the building more inviting and comfortable to be in by modernizing it.

Since education is big in Sangren, as an alum and now teacher, it would be nice to have classrooms designed in classroom like designs. Maybe different designs of how classrooms could be designed to make the best learning environments for students.

Look at the Parkview campus. Students interact in the study lounges and the cafe. These areas need space so students can study or work together. Similarly, the classroom technology is awesome. Document cameras and projectors in every room make it a breeze to get information to students. One bad investment at Parkview was the smartboards. Teachers don't use them at all.
**SANGREN HALL USER SURVEY**

**Use large windows to bring in as much natural light as possible.** This gives students/faculty the option not to use artificial light when need be, and also creates a more sustainable design. More bike racks as well.

The large lecture halls are very outdated. Use colors that promote relaxing and learning. A calm blue to make the rooms more modern and colorful so they don't feel like a dark dungeon. Also, **ADD MORE LEFT HANDED DESKS IN THE LECTURE HALLS!!!** I have had several classes in Sangren and being a lefty, it was always difficult for me to find a seat with a left handed table. They were always broken or missing.

Faculty have too little space for student hours so often students have to wait a turn in the hall when actually several students could be "visiting" at the same time. Also, faculty always seem to be behind closed doors and not open to interaction with students. Everyone always seems to be busy and that shuts learning down.

**The cafe space is crowded, and frequently used by so many.** I have commented on the other items in my previous comments. Good luck with renovation.

It just needs to be a little more student friendly.

It is difficult to only check three of these, for example I see a great need for more flexibility for meetings and gatherings, but open spaces and cafe improvements are important too - so maybe those two ideas could incorporate multiple purposes. A nicer cafe could easily be used for group study space, informal meeting space, etc.

**Sangren Hall should not simply meet the minimum accessibility requirements, but rather it should be designed with universal design concepts in mind.** Every bathroom, every classroom, every entrance, and every office should be fully accessible and welcoming of all students, regardless of ability/disability.

The single most important amenity for Sangren is space for students to study. These spaces should be small, calming, well-lit, have adequate electrical outlets, clocks, and most of all - quiet!!

as one of the largest colleges in the university, the college of education needs better facilities in which to advise students. currently, the arrangement of the different offices requires students to run all over the building to complete certain requirements. students find it to be a hassle. not to mention, the college of ed advising office has no television. it seems like every new building on campus has more LCD tvs than best buy, but the 20 kids in line to see an education advisor have to stare at the wall.

When I enter Sangren hall, I often ask myself what the original purpose was for the building. There really isn't a focal point, like Wood or Brown. It doesn't really have what people need to learn technology wise.

Right now the only place that I can think of for meeting with a group is the cafe on the first floor, but the seating and everything is horrible. I normally just go to waldo basement to meet with groups, so a group study place might not be necessary.

However, I have waited for class and sitting on those stone benches isn't very fun. (The ones outside the large lecture halls).

Teachers often refer to websites during lessons and for those who have laptops only about 50% of those people can have access to the wireless. Also this is the day of computers and students take notes on laptops but in Sangren, as well as wood, there are few outlets for plugging in the cords.

Because there are so many needs for Sangren Hall, it is impossible to highlight just 3.

My next three would be 1) common space for student/faculty interaction (it is misleading to say "additional" as if there were space now) 2) updated distance learning/video conferencing space 3) meeting spaces (again more suggests we have some).

All the above six would result in an **UPDATED IMAGE FOR THE SCHOOL**

Sangren is very outdated. One semester during the winter we had a piece of plywood over the window. the desks and chair are very uncomfortable they really isn't anywhere to study. the one spot that has couches and chairs everyone uses to take naps between classes.

A focal point would make Sangren much less confusing. Having a variety of classroom sizes and arrangements would be helpful too. Some classes are too small for the rooms that they are in and it's hard to hear everyone because we're so far apart and others are too big and it's crowded. There are some classes where it's nice to be in a circle for discussion instead of facing the board the entire time.

Update and renovate!
SANGREN HALL USER SURVEY

Having a student lounge would definitely be a great idea; when I have a class in Sangren, I usually go right on time and leave as soon as it ends because I feel there's not much to do there or sit peacefully to read or do homework (unless it's in the library).

The graduate offices could really use a lot of work, too! More space for different departments (Sociology is dwarfed by Education!). Improved signs would lessen the continual confusion. Updated technology in each classroom would help so we reduce the amount of problems we have using laptops during lectures and don't have to push smart carts around. Also, updated technology would allow for more creative, fun ways to teach.

I love walking into KVCC's common space with the foliage. I think that makes kids want to come in and stay not just have classes.

I think the building would be better as a taller building instead of only 2 or 3 stories spread out over a large area.

I would love if Sangren was more modern in its look and the technological capabilities.

This building is not conducive to people being inside of it for anything besides the class or activity they are currently attending. It is thoroughly uninviting. An updated look and some sort of open focal point with a bunch of seating and amenities in the building would give people a reason to stick around and get some work done, rather than escaping as soon as the lecture is over.

labs should be bigger and with new computers

While I know there is off course the computer lab and a few chairs near the entrances to various floors, I think Sangren really lacks good, somewhat remote study areas for students. As is, everything in Sangren feels very crowded and dull.

A nice computer lab would be good. Is there one now? If there is, NOBODY knows about it.

The clinic space is almost hidden and greatly under utilized because of location and set up

The library is depressing....let's be honest, out of the thousands of Ed students who have gone to WMU only a very few would even think about studying there.

the updated lecture halls and the increased technology within them will better enhance a students learning curve, but then there must also be the informal study spaces so that we, the student, have somewhere to review and reside in between classes.

I like the atriums on the 2nd and 3rd floors...restful and quiet. However, the chairs are uncomfortable.

See previous comments about space. Faculty deserve to have more inviting workspaces than the current ones.

The basement is a dump. This is where I did my undergrad and it hasn't changed at all

large restrooms that a wheelchair can fit through, elevators with easy access, desks that can elevate and be lowered if needed, automatic doors, and obstacle free hallways.

A lot of these sound like wonderful ideas! It was hard to choose only three!

There needs to be space to spread out and study, so that everyone is not crammed in the same spaces or sitting in the halls. Also the cafe should be expanded and have more seating. All of the classrooms look and are set up the same, not all classes work well in a row and column arrangement.

Brand new everything should suffice.

Access to the courtyards...incorporate a meeting space cafe between the two courtyards and encourage their use as the open courtyards, meeting space.

Enclose the courtyards with glass/atrium roofs!!!

bigger classrooms

There are many things that Sangren needs. The accommodations are not adequate for the needs of the students or the university.

The AV equipment is always lacking, broke, or hard to find.

Too difficult to choose only 3. MOST are needed.

I have had some small class sizes at Sangren, but the classroom design does not allow for a cozy configuration, and the dust and dirt keep you clear from the floor.

Needs to have a study lounge.

Sangren is dark, dirty, congested, and uncomfortable. It sits at the highest point on main campus and should match the other buildings, but be architecturally superior, a symbol for the main campus. I would be cool if it had ties to the old school building on east campus, with the greek revival elements, but should be more open and have a lighter feeling structure, with more windows.

Overall, Sangren just feels very cramped, dark, and busy.

When lectures are adjourning, it is VERY hard to even fit in the hallway if you are trying to get into the lecture hall.
The classrooms need to be updated and have the appropriate number of desks/bigger classrooms as well. The cafe needs to be updated and improved, more comfortable, and a space for studying and relaxing.

The building needs all of these things, but the three that I checked are needed the most

Right now, the room numbering system in Sangren makes it one of the most confusing buildings on campus.

most of the above.

larger classroom due to the increase in class size, students here are adults and need more space now that were bring computers to class

Sangren Hall needs to be cutting edge. When outsiders (community, visitors, and other schools) see the new Sangren Hall they should be in awe. It also needs common areas for students and faculty to interact with each other, not just benches near the exit.

All of these suggestions sound great. If possible I would check all of the ideas. I also think the library could use some modernization also

The lecture halls old, ugly, and not very conducive to learning. An update of the equipment and possibly a reworking of the desks are necessary. The desks are too small to actually use. Open spaces beautify all buildings and should be working into all modern architecture.

I know that is a lot but really everything needs to be update. If I had to pick my top few I would say updating and expanding the space and the appeal of the clinical is critical (technology is cool and services are cool but it is just ugly and small), classroom variety and upgrades, some meeting spots for larger groups like a conference room that will allow outside catering and not just Bernhard, and just upgrade the classrooms.

Improved cafe space would allow for more meeting areas for faculty, student study groups, or whatever else a person may need to meet in Sangren for (outside of an office or classroom).