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Budget Includes UW-Oshkosh Clow Hall

(Madison, WI) Rep. Michael Schraa (R-Oshkosh) is pleased the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) approved funding for the Clow Hall project at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (UW-O).

"Last month, Building Commission members Reps. Rob Swearingen (R - Rhinelander) and Robert Wittke (R - Racine) accepted my invitation to tour Clow Hall. Their support helped get this project across the finish line.

"What most people don't realize is that as recently as two weeks ago, this project was removed from the JFC list of building projects. I intervened and advocated for committee members to reinstate the project, just in time for yesterday's vote.

"Senator Feyen and I appreciate the significance of the University to our community and to our constituents. As a former UWO student myself, I realize the importance of providing excellent opportunities for future generations of scholars."

Clow Hall houses the nursing and education programs at UW-O. The Phase I update to the nursing portion of the building was completed in 2016, providing state-of-the-art instruction facilities. The teacher education portion of the building, however, has been stuck in the 1970s. Phase II of the project was delayed due to legal issues with the foundation. Now, the \$26,974,000 project is ready to move forward so that teachers will be prepared to conduct classes in today's technology-driven educational environments.

"While I appreciate the kind words of gratitude from the university and Chancellor Leavitt, the best reward is knowing that students will have better educational experiences because we have provided the best learning environment possible for their teachers."

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