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*Question 2 - What features of the campus need to be enhanced and/or changed? What is missing?*

Bone Student Center should be expanded and renovated.

Braden Auditorium needs to be revitalized to maintain its icon stature in the community and for campus.

We need a grand entrance to the campus to welcome people. This could be gates on Main Street and College Avenue, but also part of a building we want to have as our first impression for campus visitors/potential students.

Walking pedestrian overpasses in place of the Hewett-Manchester crosswalks over College Avenue.  
Driving/walking is dangerous around that area.

There needs to be one master plan of approach to the entry at four to six locations (corners of campus).

Center of the Performing Arts needs to be in the city – visible.

A new stadium and multi-sport facility.

With more parking, condos, and retail below at four corners of campus with local development.

“Cute Pullman Village” Use Gregory Street property for ISU profit with high-end professional housing and guest cottages.

Retail, entertainment, restaurants (ISU catered) need to be thematic and engaging.

Mix rural versus international flavor of ...

History of established finest ISU be intertwined in signage at each college.

Student center....

Architecture should be classical (history) and intertwined with contemporarily organized fashion.

Close streets.

Close parking lots.

(missing) Certified green buildings – either existing or new, provide external validation that the University is doing a great job with energy management and overall conservation/responsible use of resources.

(missing) Inviting community/student spaces where the town and the University connect.

(enhance) Use of natural landscapes and some formal area are necessary and beautiful and the recent use of natives/drought tolerant/alternative plantings is wonderful. Do more!

(enhance) Pedestrian friendliness and accessibility.

(enhance) Bike use – more bike friendly.

(missing) Collaborative research/learning spaces (i.e. the Beckman Center at U of I).

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Replace Metcalf School with up-to-date facility with more and better space.

Expanded nursing facility to allow for more students and faculty to prepare to take care of aging baby boomers.

Take down Rambo House.

Build the Fine Arts complex with Galleries in Uptown Normal, along with GLT studio space consideration.

Turner Hall needs renovation.

Milner Library – fix water issues.

Telefund Center – expand operation to back of building. Conference Services staff remaining could be consolidated with their other staff.

Hovey Hall woodwork needs to be updated in the red finish like the Alumni Center. Admissions on first floor.

More on-campus housing, not right “farm out” to private apartments. Not the same experience for students.

Update/expand Bone Student Center. Very small space for student population. Should be welcome, warm place for students to hang out, study, gain experiences.

Quad – tables, benches, coffee bar service (seasonal).

Continue changes at Bone Student Center. There has been great progress.

Bone Student Center – hated it when I went to school and still do. It is so fractured, not useful.

Milner Library – flooding and building issues are apparent. Communal area.

More cooperation with Town and neighbors for shared opportunities (parking, facility use, etc).

More bicycle lanes marked (in cooperation with Town).

I believe it would be enhancing to the University if we incorporated our services better. Enhance the students’ experience by combining financial departments and academic departments that go together. For example, putting Student Accounts, Financial Aid, Registration, Collections, and Cashiers within a shorter distance of each other. That would provide easier access for our students and parents.

Prairie plant gardens – for birds and other wildlife.

Expand the planned childcare center for employees and keep the costs lower than commercial rates.

Campus enhancements should include improvements to way-finding throughout the campus. Outsiders to the campus have a difficult time finding their way around the campus.

Center for the Visual Arts and Centennial need to be replaced.

Remodel Old Union.

Remodel/renovate Williams Hall.

Improve walkability of campus, especially around Business 51 (Main Street and Kingley).

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Parking and traffic flow.

More exposure of Quad area to visitors and public activities.

Main Street and College of Avenue glamour – no gateway.

No childcare option for faculty and staff.

Need data center for 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I appreciate the renovations to the Bone Student Center, but I feel it needs to continue to be reevaluated and revitalized. I have heard comments about the possibility of connecting the Bone Student Center to the Student Services Building to the Bowling and Billiards Center, and to me that would be a truly exciting complex.

Streets – too much vehicular traffic, not as pedestrian friendly as it could or should be. Improved shuttle system would be beneficial and “green”.

Residence halls to be completed.

More University-owned apartments.

More dining options for students, faculty, and staff.

Better care of Quad as it grows.

Sky box for the stadium.

Better care of the grass on the Quad.

Culinary school by University mixed with local farming.

Kitchen at President’s house with larger . . . . room.

Adequate housing for students on or near campus, not spread out in community.

Make entire Main Street along campus more attractive and inviting to campus.

Really utilizing all the space we have and improve the “impression” of transportation. It is really quite good, but people need to realize that casual hangout space always seems to be an issue.

Aesthetic entrance, both East and West, from Main Street.

Improve or move football stadium to make more attractive area from Main Street.

Improve cleanliness of buildings.

Replace Horton Fieldhouse with more modern facility.

Improve Center for the Visual Arts.

Dorms with suite and more private restrooms.

Share parking with First United Methodist Church.

Athletic facilities.

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Parking on East part of campus.

We are missing a visitor center, which I think Admissions should be housed in.

I know we are moving in the direction of updating residence halls, but since we need to get rid of South campus, we need more and updated ones.

Please, please, please re-open University Street after the new building is complete.

Better bicycle access.

Wifi throughout campus outside (not in lecture bowls, i.e. Center for the Visual Arts).

More parking.

Residence halls with suite style living.

Dorm interiors and rooms affect enrollment. We must stay competitive with other institutions.

Residence halls to meet demand and that allow classrooms and co-curricular learning, as well as learning communities and ..... to take place.

Campus-wide wireless desperately needed.

A dedicated classroom technology building to provide better support and to free up classrooms on the Quad.

Continue renovations on Bone Student Center.

Modify/change student fees to include free use of recreational spaces.

Improvements to the Bone Student Center. No many "student spaces". Healthy eating alternatives.

Aesthetic – exteriors of Bone Student Center and Milner Library appear outdated and ugly.

Please keep the history of the University.

Let us do something with Rambo House.

Need a competitive pool for ISU swimming and diving team and other local swimmers.

Renovate Hancock Stadium and Horton Fieldhouse.

Bike and pedestrian accessibility.

Hancock Stadium.

Cohesiveness or compatibility in building image is missing. College of Business and Student Fitness and Kinesiology Recreation Center are polar opposites that do not seem to have any complimentary components. Student Services building is a big square brick box. It is okay to look like top quality, "historical" institution of higher learning. Sometimes ISU tries not to look like this.

Something similar to what the University of Illinois has "announcing" that you are now entering the ISU campus. The College Avenue walk overpass signage is good, but more is needed.

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There is not enough parking and it is too costly. I sometimes skip events due to this.

I think it would be nice to have more of a theme. It's nice that every building is unique, but I think it would say a lot for the campus if there was more consistency that ties everything together. Illinois Wesleyan University for example; all of its buildings incorporate the same color brick. Other campuses do the same thing. It is kind of like creating a brand for the campus.

Football stadium.

Classroom facilities for construction management courses need to be enhanced to attract more employers and higher caliber students. Allow the program to sustain increased growth and depth through enhanced classroom facilities with state of the art technology.

Turner Hall - When I graduated in 2007 it was obvious that Turner Hall and Milner Library needed many renovations and upgrades. In the majority of my days spent in Turner Hall it was not uncommon to see trash cans and/or buckets scattered throughout the building. These makeshift catch basins collected either roof drainage or faulty/outdated mechanical systems. This apparent problem was probably one of the many internal issues that Turner Hall faces. The aesthetic, functionality, efficiency, and overall appearance of the entire building was clearly outdated for the students and staff. Janitor closets seemed to be made into teacher offices, garages made into classrooms, technology was outdated or problematic, etc. While knowledge/purchased learning was continuously growing, my classmates and I may have very well excelled exponentially with the right class setting and/or resources. I can attest that the Construction Management faculty and students made the best of Turner Hall, but the facilities desperately need improving.

Milner Library - similar to Turner Hall, the internal and aesthetics of Milner Library were outdated and faulty. A makeshift water drainage system was engineered out of plastic sheets to act as a drainage/gutter route to the infamous trash can catch basins on several levels of the library. Furniture, study areas and walkways from the library and the Bone Student Center were in dire need of renovation.