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Question 3 - What physical or environmental changes are needed to enhance the experiences of students, faculty, staff, alumni, annuitants and visitors?

Energy efficient lighting implemented in all University buildings.

I love plants and trees etc. If we could find a way to put even more nature in it would be even better!

Parking can be difficult for faculty/staff as well as the public attending events on campus. The University should look at ease of access and accessibility to the venue.

More parking spread out around the campus.

Bigger and more modern elevators in buildings that use them.

Large group spaces that are modern, attractive, and conducive to flexible set ups.

Conference spaces.

Student/faculty commons/lounges.

Be receptive to horizon proposal to site one or more Wind Turbines at University Farm.

Increased recycling opportunities.

Continue extensive public transportation.

Student accounts needs to be located closer to Financial Aid and the Registrar's Office for ease of students. Many times students are sent to one office from the other due to their financial situations.

Maintenance on some of the buildings. The state budget has not helped in these areas, but we have leaky windows ruining walls, carpet, etc, so they need maintained and repaired.

Student experiences- encourage them to get part-time jobs. It will help with their finances and teach them time management.

ISU should shift to become a more sustainable university.

The university is fairly clean but surrounding area could be included in cleaning effort.

Community action letter to inform residents.

Enhanced technology.

Underground parking.

iPod of campus, of public art, of discipline-based points of pride of interest.

Any improved facilities, but especially library and student center.

Better spaces for programming.

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Better Campus town with broader opportunities (contemporary theater, nightclub, comedy club, commercial bookstore, more student oriented shopping), even better grounds and spaces.

Cutting edge student center.

Improved campus transportation (monorail, trolley, something).

Green IT and green principles in everything we do.

We might explore underground parking to be able to get visitors closer to campus.

Maybe a shuttle service to get people from distant parking to central campus, or a tram.

Having the primary buildings face the Quad makes for a beautiful Quad, but shows our backsides to the surrounding streets. Future renovations and construction needs to makes us look more inviting from the outside. Signage is sufficient if you know where you are going, but is not informative for the visitor. Signage that says "parking for x building" would help.

Students need additional study spaces to work on group projects. A renovation and expansion of Milner would help address some serious student needs.

Spaces/facilities for students to gather in small/medium groups = 10-50.

Less impact on sports with more focus on academic impact.

Need some sort of museums, especially art..

We need to have more LEED certified buildings on campus, so that students and faculty can expand their knowledge in that field.

We need a more integrated curriculum, so that students and faculty can practice what they teach and learn.

Entering 2010 and beyond our long-term sustainability of the campus is extremely important. Maintaining accessibility to campus locations via foot traffic is critical. In addition, refurbishing aging buildings to make them more environmentally friendly without losing the nostalgia of the Quad is critical to returning alumni.

An assessment center serving students and alumni needing to take professional tests.