

Master Plan Online Survey

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

If Admissions is to stay in Hovey Hall, there should be parking close by.

Walking tour brochures with information about the buildings, trees, plantings, Old Main bell, etc. should be available.

If the Alumni Center on North Main Street was expanded to include a Welcome Center, visitors could park there for free and be shuttled to the main campus.

Entrances to Bone Student Center need some improvement, they are not inviting. The present parking entrance should be changed to exit only with an entrance put in on University Street. A bus lane should be added to the west side so University Street is not blocked so often.

One thing I think is sad is that so much money was spent re-doing Schroeder Hall, but it is deteriorating rapidly. E.g. when it rains, the floor in room 106 gets wet in the southeast corner. It soaks the carpet. And it is getting moldy. The exterior doors do not close properly, so they stay open and leaves and water come in the building. The first floor has even flooded because water comes in. The first floor women's bathrooms are HORRIBLE...too small, filled with trash by the end of the afternoon.

Clean up, fix up, get over yourselves. ISU need to realize that it is not and never will be University of Illinois. It is, at best, a third rate school and doing its best to lower its status as that. There is a sense that University administration feels that it can just sit on their laurels and students will feel privileged to attend there. Other schools throughout the state are actively updating facilities, recruiting qualified faculty and staff, and involving their communities in efforts to make their campuses the best that they can be. ISU is just a war zone with no sense of direction or initiative. This attitude is carrying from administration (we do not care what our facilities look like or how serviceable they may or may not be) to faculty (we do not really care if our students learn as long as we get a paycheck, to students (we do not really care about anything beyond ourselves because we do not know anything beyond ourselves). So much apathy and this is reflected throughout all aspects of the campus.

It should be clear when you arrive on campus. When a visitor arrives they should know it is Illinois State University where they are at, and I feel that a certain amount of environmental awareness should be seen when they are on campus.

All dorms with cafeteria facilities.

We need an Illinois State University sign somewhere on campus we can take pictures with. The bridge is nice, but you cannot pose on it.

More trees, more celebration of the Town's history. Less brand re-imaging.

We need the Phase I renovation of Hancock stadium.

The creation of a visitor center would be wonderful including lodging accommodations.

How about covering the bridge that goes from the Quad to the Bone Student Center? We are in Illinois...and get rid of that upside down blue and white circus tent..UGLY!!!! Add picnic tables, there are not near enough out there.

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Technology upgrades in the class rooms.

I like the campus and the school overall. Moving towards renewable sources of energy is good, but only if they offer less expensive energy sources. Do not change just to say you are green. Universities have been getting decreased money from the State for years, and it is in the best interest of the students (current and future) to keep costs down. Do not change to be "green". Change to be efficient.

All departments in each division have same access to best equipment and most updated technology. We are a teaching college and for some departments not to have access to best technology smacks our students and parents with 'do as I say not as I do' and why should they chose our University when they could attend another university where they have the updated technology for use.

Take faculty, staff, commuters, community members parking to centralized location then shuttle service to all areas on campus.

The area west of the Quad along University Street need improvements to include revitalization of Metcalf School, knocking down the unused facility west of Fell Hall and turning this into a Quad extension which was in the old master plan.

Need expansion of effective classroom spaces on the south Quad, possibly to include the new facility for Mennonite College of Nursing.

More green space.

More residential rooms, lower not so tall

Better parking.

Updated buildings.

Better use of space and technology.

I agree with the student comments that the Bone Student Center could use an upgrade making it more of a hub of student hangout. Let us be honest, those umbrellas between the Bone and Milner are an eyesore beyond description. I understand they help drainage or something but they are ridiculous.

A more inclusive feeling at all levels. There are faculty that think they are the cream of the crop. Without staff they would have no job. Let us treat everyone fairly. For visitors there is not much to do. Let us start thinking of new items to bring to visitors and community.

More comfortable, casual gathering places (with seats!).

More eating places near south campus.

New student center.

Development of more permanent green space with areas to gather and sit.

Development of more parking spaces along the perimeter of campus.

Need directional signage for pedestrians on campus.

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Need to minimize Main Street corridor eyesores near College Avenue/Main Street intersection and minimize impact of two major intersections in the middle of campus.

Add more green space with better visibility from motoring visitors.

Tear down Student Accounts Building and it is falling down around the employees now. I cannot believe how this University could let this building and its employees work in such deplorable conditions.

Better office spaces for faculty and a safer environment for the students, more blue light poles would be nice.

An obvious welcome center

Directional signs for visitors to be able to roam campus at their own discretion.

Upkeep, updates, and repair for older buildings.

I love the park-like setting of the Quad. It is a great asset to the University.

Leave University Street open to automobile traffic, there are too few ways through campus without it, and it brings visitors in for a closer look. A way across Main Street between Hovey Hall and Dry Grove. With the addition of more students west of Main Street, it is an accident waiting to happen.

The sod is really patchy in parts and there are parts of the Quad you just cannot enjoy.

The University is 150 years old but does not look like it – there is nothing stately about our campus, and it really needs restoration with that in mind. I am sick of our lovely buildings (like Fell Hall) renovated with linoleum.

We do not have a lot of lecture halls or smaller auditoriums. As departments look to increase class size (FTE) more lecture spaces with laptop hook ups will be crucial.

More building need to be green and LEED certified.

The first floor of Hovey Hall is very unwelcoming. It is dark, plain and totally non-descript. Prospective students and their parents are frequent visitors and it is important to make this area more modern and pleasing to the eye.

A more welcoming entrance to parking facilities.

Student Accounts office should be located closer to Financial Aid and the Veterans office. All three offices work closely together and each office often times recommends students to visit another of the two offices with questions regarding the student's account.

It would be nice if the University could purchase the hair salon at the corner of Beaufort Street and Fell Avenue and create a "Welcome to ISU" green space there. It is not a welcoming sight as you approach campus from the south on Fell Avenue.

The flowers on the Quad are always planted the week after graduation. If there is no forecast for frost, it would be nice if the flowers could be planted right before graduation. Then parents and students could enjoy the Quad more at graduation, rather than look at beds of dirt.

Maintain up-to-date labs, classrooms and facilities to support academic and professional development learning.

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Areas such as continuing education and public service have potential to generate additional funds in support of faculty and students. ISU has over 100,000 alumni that are a potential target market for professional development. In addition, online learning is a viable means to supplement or provide selected academic programs to special audiences. (i.e., MBA, technology, applied programs, certain education programs, etc.).

Just the new football stadium.

The seating areas, fountains, landscaping, helps to enhance the environment, makes it feel more green and visitor friendly. Any place for a map (on the ground?) centrally located?

Keep gutting or tearing down the old characterless structures as funds become available using durable "green" materials and products.

More shuttle buses.

Pedestrian walkways and any intersection to move all pedestrians along and to maintain motorized traffic flowing through and around campus.

Although beautifully done, the Alumni Center is too far away from the center of campus. When you bring alumni back to the University, you should bring them to the heart of campus, not a renovated "big box" shopping center.

Bone Student Center is physically separated from the rest of campus. Close College Avenue between Main Street and School Street to allow for expansion to the Bone Student Center as well as bring Milner Library and the Bowling and Billiards Center into the "center" of campus.

More, but less visible parking.

Bone Student Center needs improved.

Milner Library needs upgraded.

Science Laboratory Building needs to be expanded

Honors building looks out of place.

We need a real college-level football stadium and a major renovation to Horton Fieldhouse. Those places are an eyesore and an embarrassment to a public university this size.

The tailgating as it is currently done is an eyesore and a safety risk. Tailgating past the first quarter takes the binge drinking to unacceptable limits.

The plant/foliage choices on campus need to be more appealing to the eye. Also, for safety they should not be higher than three feet off of the ground. Maintenance of existing trees, bushes, etc. needs to be done more routinely also for safety and should not hang lower than six feet off of the ground.

Better and more accommodating support for the actual mission of the University. Too many offices and services do things the ISU way rather than an efficient way. The departments seem to be nickel and dimed to bankruptcy by having to pay for every little service.

Several parts of campus are unattractive and surely do not make a positive first impression to visitors: football stadium, the bridge over College Avenue at Milner Library, the high-rise dorms.

Better pedestrian accommodations would be helpful, such as at the College Avenue/School Street intersection.

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Why is it essentially impossible to find ISU branded clothing other than sweats and t-shirts in the cities of Bloomington-Normal (or even on campus for that matter)? Even alumni with pride have trouble showing it by what they wear since that which is available is geared to the 25 and under crowd. Look at all the options available for schools like Purdue and University of Illinois. ISU is not even close.

In order to meet community expectations, a sustainability policy is mandatory. This is needed to keep up with changing state and federal regulations and priorities as well as the expectations of those who deal with the University, including recruitment and retention of new students.

Maintain and/or expand green space on campus.

Redesign and expand Bone Student Center/Braden Auditorium to better serve students, faculty, staff, alumni, and visitors.

Develop easily accessible and highly visible welcome center.

Of course the Quad is pretty much hidden by existing buildings but, whenever you have the chance, make it visible to the community as it passes by.

There needs to be additional commuter and visitor parking, as well as a more welcoming feel to the Bone Student Center. There also could be more informal meeting area in almost all buildings.

Grounds are attractive and well maintained. You can never have enough parking to satisfy students or staff. Do need to be sensitive to visitors - hence the Alumni Center and cost parking make sense at that location. Keep it green, compact, and sustainable.

I think there should be a class that teaches students how to survive on their own after college. Maybe as a General Education?

Bathrooms in all older buildings really need to be redone with much better ventilation added. Automatic toilets would be a vast improvement since some people do not like to be bothered to flush.

I feel like a few more benches are always in need, especially around the Center for the Visual Arts. I think the Center for the Visual Arts can be improved. I have heard rumors about it being renovated or torn down and I think that it is in desperate need of a makeover. The studios are quite bad and the wear and tear on the building is becoming more and more noticeable.

I would also like to see a shelter put out by the S103 lot near the street, something similar to the shelters that are outside of Watterson that are utilized while waiting for the buses. It's hard to catch the buses at the 103 lot because only the shuttles pull in, buses like the Green A do not pull in so you have to wait by Main St. and during the cold and rainy seasons, it is hard to wait outside. A bus shelter would be GREAT!

Plant more flowers in the Spring! The only time they are planted is for Preview.

The biggest physical, environmental changes are referred to in small detail above though that does not nearly complete the list of enhancements, changes, or improvements which one or many could propose for the campus of ISU. The above also includes safety issues and liabilities of the design of the ISU campus community.

More new, environmentally sound buildings

Continue to keep the campus looking attractive and well maintained.

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The Bone Student Center needs a complete makeover/renovation. It is not a very appealing/user friendly building.

More art work displays.

I think Main Street looks very run-down. I am not sure if this is part of ISU, but there are very few decent apartment complexes. They are all small, no balconies anywhere, and literally falling apart. The town looks run down and that turns people off of the University.

The Quad is beautiful, but it is a long drive through far less attractive areas to appreciate that. I do not know how to make that area of campus a launching point for visitors (as opposed to the ugly football stadium or the tall dorms), but that would dramatically improve visitors' first impressions of the university.