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Question 5 - What changes would you like to see in the next five years? The next 10 years?

Definitely more sustainability. I think more dorms or more apartments would be useful in bringing students to campus. Revamping of old buildings would be good too.

I think that the Mennonite School of Nursing has been tremendous asset for the University and it has served to spark a vision (perhaps more accurately a 'pipe dream'!) that ISU develop further professional schools. For example, on the undergraduate level, perhaps an engineering school. And now the true hope of my heart – an ISU law school. Perhaps a real stretch, but hopefully something not to be too quickly dismissed!

Free transportation to Chicago one time a month.

I would like to see Adelaide St. extend beyond Gregory St. through to Raab Rd. It would offer easier access to Heartland Community College and the Horticulture Garden.

New greenhouses; classrooms; labs; Visitor Center at Horticulture Center.

(5 years) Even more efforts to sustainability.

Improvements to Milner Library.

(10 Years) – Even more green space.

Parks near/on campus.

More consistent infusion of technology across campus (i.e. wireless, printing, etc.).

Funding for Milner and project underway.

More nooks and crannies both inside and out for study spaces.

Recognition that campus has to operate 24/7- more study spaces, coffee houses, etc.

Some “grand spaces” on campus.

Better connections both philosophical and physical between campustown and campus.

Renovation of Braden with a programming czar running it.

Within 5 years, full architectural plans for Science Laboratory Building II.

Within 10 years completion of the facilities for improving teaching and research in Chemistry, Physics, Geology/Geography, and Biology.

Renovation and expansion of Milner Library.

Rehabilitation of Williams Hall including restoration of old Milner reading room for exhibit space, large gathering space, class or sound.

Improved accessibility to older buildings as well as “newer” ones such as Bone Student Center and Milner.

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Help resolve housing issues that will be compatible with the residents of Normal.

Expand distance education capacity space in 5 years.

Begin with Gregory Street development within 5 years.

Fill west Gregory Street property by 10 years.

Move items on current capital improvement list within 10 years.

It would be nice to see the IT department have a new facility.

Would like to see more maintenance on some of the buildings. If departments cannot afford paint or new carpet, the walls are very grimy and have not been painted for over 20 years. Carpets have multiple holes and are very worn.

Either in the next five or ten years, ISU needs to have more green or LEED certified buildings!!!

More parking!

Bring academic departments more central to the Quad.

Milner Library-does it serve the needs of the student? Technology? The first floor building failure is a tragedy.

A less ambitious attitude to spend the taxpayers' money.

More focus on education instead of form.

I would like to see Illinois State with more green/LEED certified buildings.

I would like to see the University put as much emphasis on preventative maintenance as they do on new construction. Deferred maintenance is destroying some of our older buildings.