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

That would depend on budgets.

Clean up! It is filthy on this campus

Start caring about the humanities and the general welfare of its students and staff .

Place a greater emphasis on getting an education and less of one on athletics, partying, etc.

Create its own niche in the world of academe and stop trying to be University of Illinois. ISU cannot win at this game and should just stop trying.

Become more involved in the community of Bloomington/Normal. If the University would care about the community, the community might care more about ISU.

No more flying aphid infestations and the removal of the nasty smelling ginkbo tree in front of Cook Hall. Those smelly berry things get on your shoes and your shoes smell wretched for at least the next 24 hours. It is a pretty high traffic area so the smell gets to a lot of places.

More food options and more technology in the classrooms.

A shift in priorities. You need to move away from yuppifying this town and move towards celebrating what matters. 20 years from now no one is going to give a care about that sweet new Student Fitness and Kinesiology Recreation Center.

I agree with the Walker/Dunn-Barton removal for the new Student Fitness and Kinesiology Recreation Center but that is an exception. For the most part I would like to see existing buildings remodeled and preserved like Manchester Hall. We need the Phase I renovation of Hancock Stadium and if that goes well let us do Phase II. We could try a student referendum to raise the money if it cannot be raised otherwise.

Elimination of four-occupancy residence hall rooms. It does not seem healthy, mentally or physically, to have more than two students occupying one room.

I would like to see more flexibility in the layout of buildings when they are designed - for example, instead of building with fixed size classrooms and offices...build open shells with movable walls to allow for office/classroom needs as they arise. Place technology in many locations so it is easily accessible however you lay out the space.

Focus on the Fine Arts, both facility and funding.

The movement of Metcalf School and University High School to the Gregory Street property and use current locations for new academic/sports facilities for use by ISU students.

Student Accounts Building torn down all departments currently housed within find headquarters in centralized location also housing Financial Aid and Registration. To centralize all students access that would bring those departments together and put our students'/parents' needs above ours.

The Student Accounts Building has passed its life use. It is apparent that those offices have done the best with nothing. They were informed that they were forced move was due to a temporary situation during President Wallace

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administration that they would be permanently housed in other headquarters more suitable for multiple departments where all offices are individual (enclosed) for confidentiality of information given to students and told to personnel from students and this was clearly a lie. The departments have been forced into this building for over 10 - 15 years with no hope of ever leaving the University has clearly forgotten them like our military soldiers 'out of sight out of mind', we are the forgotten soldiers of Illinois State University!!!

I think the projects currently on state requests are good objectives for the next five years. As these are completed I would recommend Metcalf School replacement. Then look at construction of academic buildings on the footprints of both Metcalf School and Atkin-Colby residence halls to further develop a second Quad to the west of the current one. Do not favor development north of Bone Student Center/Milner Library as much as this direction.

Buildings torn down, build new, centralize and merge departments/offices under one roof and really make it one building for all student needs (Financial Aid, Student Accounts, cashiers, collections, registration, etc.).

Centralized residential hall living and eating use of equipment, not two or more with individual eating places centralize it into one main dining center.

Additional parking for faculty/staff and people attending the events on campus.

Replace some of the student housing on or close to campus for students not able to afford going rent in Normal.

Rehabilitate the stadium.

Opening the new Student Fitness and Kinesiology Recreation Center to the public (very near future).

Long term seeing another road (5-10 years).

More parking near campus. It is very difficult to drop off kids at DeGarmo Hall for tutoring. Parking garages are okay for students staying all day, but need more 30-60 minute parking.

I would like to see all major departments on campus. The Student Accounts office is a major department, without them there would be no tuition payments and professors would not get paid. Students and parents visit frequently but yet it remains one of the most rundown buildings on campus. Let us work to improve that.

Improve stadium. (five years)

Decide Williams Hall's permanent fate. (five years)

Add casual gathering/food places near Quad. (five years)

New education building. (10 years)

Improved/new student center (10 years).

Athletics beginning move to Gregory Street property. (10 years)

I would like to see us commit to a new bond for the development of a new student center.

I would like to see the ground-breaking for a new football stadium.

New student center or significant remodeling and expansion of current center (within five years).

New low rise residence halls (within 10 years).

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Centralized location for Student Accounts, Cashiers, Collections, Financial Aid Office, Registrar, etc. which is user friendly for all customers, alumni, visitors, staff, faculty and others.

Upgrade Gregory Street property to be truly functional than haphazard.

Gregory Street property is truly a diamond in the rough.

A new art building that is safer, would be better

Immediate needs are to address the housing issue. If South Campus is going to be decommissioned in two years, where will all of those students reside?

Cardinal Court has passed its expiration date. It is badly in need of being rebuilt.

Housing options need to be updated to fit the lifestyles of 21st century students. More apartment-like living with common areas (lobby/lounge/study rooms).

The campus is not immediately welcoming to visitors. It is hard to know where to go to find assistance unless you are here for an open house or campus visit (and then you are given directions by Admissions).

Bone Student Center needs to keep moving forward with renovations and become the hub of campus.

Smoke free ISU campus and University apartment (recently in the news – a University took this approach!).

Lease of Gregory Street property to local businesses or as a central Illinois police training center.

Relocate ISU Police department.

Relocate University recycling.

Relocate Facilities Services.

Central Illinois shooting complex.

Central parking with 24 hour shuttle for staff and faculty.

Parking lot surface with parking personnel at each parking lot checking proper identification for access parking.

Free parking and guaranteed parking to all staff 100 percent employed.

Relocating Motorcycle Safety permanently to Gregory Street property.

Leasing Gregory Street property to Bloomington/Normal parks and recreation.

Leasing Gregory Street property for recreation complex for use to all, not just Bloomington/Normal community.

I want to see the continued improvement and slow growth that will improve an already fantastic University. Dr. Bowman has done an excellent job as president and I trust the University will continue to move in the right direction under his leadership.

Better traffic flow on Main Street. When they were working on Main Street and University Street was closed, there was no way North, and the University was blamed for that as much as the state for doing those projects at the same time.

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Finish current projects. (five years)

Finish Williams Hall. (five years)

Replace (remove) Hovey Hall and have administrative services a bit further away. (10 years)

I would like to see more of the older buildings restored rather than replaced. There are beautiful, older homes north of Milner Library (I think one belonged to Jesse Fell?) that I would like to see renovated and restored, but the University seems to have plans to tear them down.

Williams Hall needs a restoration - keep the gorgeous architectural details but bring the building up to code! Can you imagine how beautiful Fell Hall would be if it were restored with cream paint and nasty linoleum?

The BIG thing I would like to see is a fully staffed and well-paid faculty. This University is horrible about prioritizing athletics and capital projects over our people. Fund tuition waivers, fund salaries!

South Side (Feeney), Horton Fieldhouse, Center for the Visual Arts, and Centennials buildings must be updated.

Metcalf School is in need of repair.

Building renovations to be finished.

Creation of a student academic/financial services building.

More sustainability efforts. It think that the campus has come a long way, but I still see students carting around food in styrofoam containers and older buildings on campus that could probably use some upgrades to better conserve energy.

I think you need to get rid of Turner Hall. It is a depressing building. If you build a new elementary school on Gregory Street, you could move the faculty and classes from Turner Hall to Metcalf School (or a new building there also).

Bolder vision for ISU as part of Educating Illinois and Campus Master Plan.

Consider role of online learning for students and alumni.

Change the benchmark universities and upgrade the expectations for future ISU growth & development.

Global awareness and program development which includes more awareness of world cultures and geography among graduates from ISU.

More residence halls.

A new football stadium.

More benches on the Quad

More "walk over" areas for busy streets

More visitor friendly areas

Benches and planters in front of Student Service Building.

Update more dining areas

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Remodel and update Braden Auditorium.

Energy efficient HVAC, lighting etc.

More trash bins, or people to pick up garbage.

Include a more prominent on-campus recycle program.

Better flow of traffic. Better access to the pedestrian public/employees/alumni traffic.

Shuttle service.

Trams or shuttle buses from smaller communities where a large number of employees reside where they could commute that way rather than drive with one person.

Renovate Bone Student Center.

Renovate the Bowling and Billiards Center.

Purchase additional blue-light phones and update the current ones. Make them all look alike and stand out.

I would like to see a dedicated technology building to house Administrative Information Systems, Institutional Web Support Services, Computer Infrastructure Support Services, Telecomm, System Support and all other technology support on campus. I think a group effort from all technology resources would be an obvious win for all.

I would like to see a Center of Excellence. An administrative service unit that offer Business Process Management/Analysis and Project Management Office. A service to the campus units that can act like internal consultants to advise, guide and recommend business process methodology for efficiency purposes.

I would like to see consolidated technology services on campus.

I would like to see a Center of Excellence established. An administrative service unit that offers Business Process Management consulting services to ISU departments/units. Merging people, process and technology to better align current business practices. A formal Project Management Office to offer formal methodology and guidance would also be a positive investment for the University.

A better landscaping of the main campus -- removing rocks and boulders, getting rid of all the concrete in front of Stevenson Hall.

A new football stadium and renovated field house.

Perhaps just as immediate in terms of need would be a library that could house all the University's collections. As it is now you have to wait up to a week to get a book or periodical retrieved if it is off campus. And even if it is in the library you have to wait up to a couple of hours for the staff to retrieve it from the basement, which is where all the periodicals and I think some books are now shelved.

A new football stadium. (five years)

The University should jump into the future by restricting access to the dormitories to residents only 24/7. (five years)

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The University should enhance the look and appeal of all the buildings on campus and develop a regular maintenance plan for the entire University into the fiscal budget of every year. Both building structure and landscaping. (10 years)

Closing of School Street from College Avenue to North Street and moving the bus stop to Fell Avenue.

Make academic facilities and services a priority. Enhance facilities for productive departments (e.g. sciences) so they can continue to strengthen and grow.

Close University Street and School Street. (five years)

Have a ground breaking for another Science Lab Building and another "Watterson Towers" but twice as high. That would make a statement. (10 years)

Plans for new science facilities need to include ALL the sciences. Currently, I believe that Geography-Geology is not included in the plans for upgraded facilities and our current facilities are inadequate for the research and teaching that we do.

Expand Milner Library, create a graduate library.

Expand and redesign Williams Hall, maybe relocate the Honors Program here.

Replace Cardinal Court.

Update athletic facilities, especially Hancock Stadium.

Addition to Stevenson Hall, maybe four or five levels for classrooms and offices.

New Fine Arts complex.

I really believe an excellent basketball program would bring ISU much national recognition. Football is a waste of money, they will never compete on a level that justifies the expense. It is a shame that nationally renowned academic programs do not bring the attention of the general public that athletics do but it is a fact.

Speaking closest to home, in the medium to long term, there is a need for a new state-of-the-art Technology building that could support many of the units in College of Applied Sciences and Technology. There would be a synergy from collaborative student labs in areas as diverse as agriculture, technology, safety, and interior design. Interdisciplinary programs like Renewable Energy (and other grant related projects) could also use collaborative research space.

A small business incubator location would foster interdisciplinary research between technology, sciences, and marketing as well as provide an outlet for consultancy for faculty in those areas. The real benefit would be the job potential offered by new, small business ventures.

How about the re-opening of the Illinois State University Museum? In 3 years...?

I would like to see all the buildings redone with new restrooms and the like as well as seeing more dorms and student housing put in close to campus so it would be much easier for them to get housing right next to campus. The campus more than anything needs a lot more parking put in since everyone is always having to fight for parking spaces.

I think parking is a huge thing that can be improved, even just a little would be helpful. I am very excited for the new Student Kinesiology and Recreation Center, so that will be a great addition. I think the Center for the Visual

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Arts would be a major project, but would benefit many students that are the Fine Arts majors. Possibly more parking decks. Although I think the parking here is spectacular, having previously worked at University of Illinois in Urbana!

I see a considerable need to update/upgrade academic facilities across campus. DeGarmo Hall, for example, is not in the best of shape, nor does it allow for a very impressive environment for the education/special education departments to be located, especially compared to the relatively new, state of the art, ergonomic, cushy, design of the College of Business building. The facilities at the Metcalf School are equally out of date and in need of replacement plus they are a health hazard as the building still contains asbestos inside the walls and floors. A more accommodating, updated, and larger space for the Social Work department and the facilities for the Speech Pathology and Audiology majors in Fairchild and Rachel Cooper Halls would be more beneficial to their students, departments, and success of bringing in more students to the university as a whole. I would say better, improved, or replacement facilities for a number of departments and/or majors would be a very ideal plan for the University for the future, especially if it plans to compete successfully at the same level as the University of Illinois which I believe is likely its goal as it appears to be the next university in line in the public university system in Illinois, or at least in terms of requirements on the ACT exam.

I sincerely hope the University is honest and open to what has been said including the criticisms of current and former students to help in making this a better, brighter, and hopefully a more efficient university in many ways (including environmentally friendly which means in all retail locations not just the dining centers where students are paying too much for food they cannot take out compared to places like Subway where nearly everything they hand you is thrown in the trash and is unable to be recycled).

New science laboratory building.

A new state-of-the-art Technology building to support many of the units in College of Applied Sciences and Technology.

I think parking fees for garages should be reduced. There is no need to raise the fees every year. I think more grass should be planted on the quad because it gets trampled on by people walking across it.

I think ISU needs more publicity. No one really knows anything about our University. I also think overall...quality needs to improve. We should stop worrying about the Quad, and focus on Main Street and the apartments around campus.

I would like Illinois State to continue to build architecturally interesting buildings. I think the areas around the Quad should continue to be integrated by closing down/re-routing streets. I think a new football stadium should be built, one that is not an eye sore. If any buildings are renovated, they should be done like Schroeder Hall, which looks very nice now.