
Sentinel-Tribune

February 28, 2009

BGSU Residence Hall Upgrade Planned Over the Next 10 Years

By Harold Brown
Sentinel City Editor

It seems likely that many millions of dollars will be invested over the next 10 years to upgrade and replace residence halls at Bowling Green State University. But before most of those projects begin, the university will complete a Residence Life and Dining Services Master Plan by the middle of the year.

Steve Krakoff, associate vice president of capital planning and design at BGSU, said Friday that residence and dining "is one of the biggest strategic issues facing Bowling Green State University." Speaking to the Finance and Facilities Committee of the BGSU Trustees, Krakoff said the master plan can provide the ability "to positively influence the student experience." He said it is no secret that BGSU is not competitive with its residence halls and in some respects with its dining offerings.

"We can close that gap and get beyond other universities to put ourselves on the competitive edge," Krakoff said.

Under way since late 2008, work on the master plan has already included meeting with students, faculty and staff and conducting a Web-based survey of students. More than 1,400 responses were received. "That shows how important these issues are to students," he said.

Consultants are reviewing facilities and services, including the financial conditions of dining services.