

TO: Robert Donley
FROM: Doug True
RE: Flood of 2008 – Status
DATE: August 25, 2008

This is an update of the prior weekly status reports.

Today (August 25) is the first day of fall semester classes at the University of Iowa. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place this morning to note the recovery of buildings critical to the successful start of the fall term including: the Mayflower Residence Hall, the English-Philosophy Building, the Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building, and the Becker Communication Studies Building. President Mason expressed the thanks and appreciation of the University to the many people whose extraordinary efforts allowed these buildings to be back in service earlier than had been expected. Regent Vasquez joined in the ceremony to celebrate the opening of fall classes.

Relocation of the coffer dam structure to the west bank of the Iowa River will begin today in order to complete the utility project which will deliver chilled water from the west to the east campus. The City of Iowa City has expressed interest in partnering with the University in the use of the temporary river structure to facilitate the repair of 2 sanitary sewer lines damaged as a result of the flooding.

Recovery Project Updates

The Mayflower IT/Computer Lab is anticipated to be open in mid-September. Bids were taken on August 21 for Mayflower Bid Package 2 (First Floor Lobby and 18 Apartments). McComas-Lacina Construction Company is the apparent low bidder. Five contractors submitted bids for this project.

Staff members are moving back to the Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory building this week. Electrical repairs are substantially complete.

Bids will be received on August 28 for the IMU Steam Tunnel – Phase 1.

A meeting for Iowa Memorial Union (IMU) Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing/Utility planning is scheduled for August 27. It is the University's intent to begin restoration of portions of the IMU so that the upper three floors of the building can be occupied in late October.

A kickoff meeting was held for Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories on August 18. Architects Smith-Metzger, Vice President for Research staff and University design staff members were in attendance.

A kickoff meeting was held for the Art Building Recovery on August 18. Design Engineers, Invision Architecture, department faculty and University design staff members were in attendance.

Kickoff meetings were held for several Arts Campus Buildings (Hancher Auditorium, Voxman Music Building, Clapp Recital Hall and Theatre Building) on August 21 and 22. Neumann Monson Architects, building occupant representatives and University design staff members were in attendance.

An effort to restore a portion of the Museum of Art for temporary use later this fall by the Music Department is underway. It was determined that several utility projects will need to be initiated before steam service can be restored to this building including: Highway 6 Steam Line and Vault Replacement, International Center Tunnel and Steam Lines Repair and Re-insulation, Theater Building Tunnel and Steam Lines Repair and Re-insulation, and IMU Footbridge Steam Lines Repair and Re-insulation.

The drying process continues at Art Building West. Temporary power has been restored to the building.

University Utilities

Steam service from the Power Plant's Temporary Boilers #1 and #2 was restored to West Campus on Monday, August 18, completing a link between the West and East Campus high pressure steam distribution systems. All four temporary boilers on the UI campus and the UIHC boiler may now be operated together as needed to serve Campus steam loads.

This week steam service was restored to Rienow Hall, Slater Hall, Quad, and Hillcrest after a brief outage. And for the first time since the flood, steam service was restored to the Library, University Capitol Centre, Seamans Center, Lindquist, Dye House, the President's Residence, Field House and Boyd Law Building. Steam service to the Center for Disabilities and Development and the Medical Research Facility is schedule to be restored on Monday, August 25.

Relatively cool weather again continues to assist the central chilled water system; chilled water rationing was not needed this past week.

Restoration of solid fuel boilers at the Power Plant remains critical to the University's winter operations. A completion date of November 1 has been established.

Academic Concerns

The University's temporary space includes Studio Arts (old Menards – Highway 1), Clinton Street Music 375, Clinton Street Music 376 (corner of Court and Clinton), Brewery Square (corner of Linn and Market) and Linn Street Music (Guitar studio). In addition, the School of Music will have practice space in various community churches and at West High School. The University intends to utilize/recover approximately 40% of the Museum of Art as a temporary measure to provide practice space for the orchestra and symphony. These ensembles will meet at West High School until this space is readied which is targeted for November 1.

FEMA and Insurance Coverages

The following is the schedule of building tours FEMA Representatives are conducting this week:

Monday, August 25

8:00 a.m. – Iowa Memorial Union

1:30 p.m. – Metal Art Building

Tuesday, August 26

8:00 a.m. – Riverbank

1:30 p.m. – Hawkeye Court

Several FEMA representatives met with University Senior Management on August 20. The meeting was an opportunity to express our appreciation for the support FEMA has provided to date and discuss strategies for future collaboration.

Communications

The University is utilizing the Flood Recovery Information area of the UI website to post all current information regarding the status of University buildings and any new information that students, faculty and staff may need to know. In addition a message was sent to every student informing them of changes and temporary conditions that may exist as they return to school on Monday. The students will also be able to access up-to-date information via the Iowa Student Information System (ISIS).

The University is proposing a news conference for next week to answer questions about the start of classes and any aspect of flood recovery and mitigation.

Unless there are objections, in the future these weekly reports will be extended to every other week, plus reports at each Board meeting.

c: Regent Miles
 Regent Evans
 President Mason
 Joan Racki