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Faculty Club 9-3-2009

Submitted by David Seaman

9/3/2009

Question:

The reply from the President does not satisfy me. When I inquired several years ago, I had a personal visit from the Senate chair, who admonished me, "don't make waves," because the President had a plan. I did not make waves, and now it turns out there is no plan, and no faculty club. Is this just a pipe dream?

Rationale:

Faculty concerns seem a low priority. Don't we need a place to gather and bend an elbow and complain about our November take-back?

Response:

9/28/2009: President Grube has responded to David Seaman's rfi of September 3, 2009: This RFI has been previously answered. However, as a courtesy, I will repeat: There certainly was discussion of the possibility, but there was never a plan. A plan is a detailed proposal for doing or achieving something. Such a detailed proposal never existed. The former Alumni House is occupied by the University Honors Program because the program is a high priority for Academic Affairs and for the University. If, as stated in the RFI rationale, "a place to gather and bend an elbow," is a higher, and more satisfying, priority than providing a facility for the growing University Honors Program that serves our best students, then I respectfully submit that our priorities require reexamination.

Faculty Club plan follow-up RFI from David Seaman on 9/3, but no request for information accompanied it, so it was not submitted.