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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – This summer, as the Illinois Wesleyan campus hums with the construction of the new classroom building, other changes will also take place just shy of the building site, in the Hansen Student Center.

At the end of the fall 2011 semester, the Student Senate approved funding for upgrades to the Hansen Student Center. The majority of the funds went toward new stage lighting equipment, featuring more sustainable LED fixtures, as well as an improved microphone system. At the end of the spring 2012 semester, the Senate approved funding from "roll-over" money to be allocated for further upgrades. Students can expect to see new furnishings for Hattie's and the Center Court, including high top chairs and coffee tables for the balcony, game equipment for Tommy's, a more visible stage, updated sound and audio/visual technology and renovations to the Registered Student Organization (RSO) room.



Hansen Student Center

Student Senate Treasurer Brexton Isaacs, Class of 2015, said that the money used for these changes will not affect how student organizations are funded. "All of the funding for these projects will come out of the Senate roll-over. We felt that this was a worthy investment. Not only will this benefit students now, but for many years to come."

Amy DeBoer, Class of 2015 and activity programmer for the student center, echoed Isaacs's sentiments. "The student center is the living room of the campus. We feel that it needs to be more user-friendly for students."

Colin Stewart, director of student activities and leadership programs, has worked closely with the students and looks forward to seeing these changes take place. He is equally excited by the efforts the students have made. "It is impressive to observe IWU students not only leading this initiative to improve their student center, but also critically thinking about the way students use their space and how they will continue to utilize it for years to come."

For more information on the project, contact Stewart at osa@iwu.edu or (309) 556-3850.

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