- Bond. A small, diverse group has agreed to help advise The Nelson Group to design and conduct a survey to test the interest of voters in supporting a bond to fund the new Industrial Technology Building. The polling firm recommends conducting the survey after the May election. This delay will allow additional time for the College to define the scope and use of the new building.
- 2. **Industrial Technology Building**. David, Guy, and I are ex-officio members on the committee charged with planning the new building. People on the committee are earnestly wrestling with the building use and space allocation. We are scheduled to meet at the first of April to continue the conversation.
- 3. **Student Housing**. Betty and I are ex-officio members on the Student Housing Committee. This past month, we brainstormed funding options with representatives from a local bank and the Ford Family Foundation. We're temporarily delayed awaiting schematic drawings, so we can finalize our budget and analyze the cash flow.
- 4. UCC Foundation. I serve as an ex-officio member of the UCC Foundation Board and the Foundation Development Committee, and I meet regularly with the Foundation leadership team. Through close collaboration, we have developed a strong relationship that will serve the college into the future. Recently, the Foundation stepped up and provided "bridge-funding" to hire coaches this spring for the new athletic teams. The Foundation is also working closely with us on the bond survey and the student housing initiative.
- 5. **Strategic Plan**. As you may recall, the Institutional Effectiveness Council (IEC) held three "campus conversations" to seek input on the college's Vision, Mission, and Goals. Once the IEC synthesizes the comments and refines the draft, we will ask the Council to share their current thinking with the Board. We will continue to look for ways to involve the Board.