



Dear Campus Community,

Well, it's happening again...PROGRESS. While I wasn't here two years ago when we first renovated the 1407 building, I know that many people were affected by this progress, and the same is true with this series of changes to that building. As of this past Tuesday, Poole Construction began renovations to the east side of 1407; formerly part of YTI's corporate offices. Included in this project will be the addition of four new classrooms and a faculty restroom.

This construction is expected to last up until the Fall Class Start, Monday, October 5, or as close to that date as possible. Some of the timing of these events depends on permits and is not under our control. Poole Construction will be making every attempt to minimize the noise, dust and distraction during this time. When it comes time for the more noisy work - saw cutting and removing the concrete floor for plumbing - that work will be done while class and work hours are NOT in session. Otherwise, the show must go on and "normal construction noise" may be an issue.

I ask for your patience and indulgence as we work through the project. This is the only way we can be prepared for what we expect to be a very large Fall class start. Each time we make progress, there is a bit of inconvenience, but I'm asking you to "think outside the box" here and see if there are ways that we can all work around the challenge. Headphones, ear plugs, nice mellow jazz, Tylenol (☺), a temporary move to the gazebo or library. There are lots of solutions. And then, there's always just a positive attitude and the ability to be resilient. I hope you will demonstrate your flexibility and resilience to our students in the name of progress and improved larger facilities for our growing campus.

Charlie Sowers, the on-site construction manager for Poole Construction says the following: "Our goal is to make this a successful project for all involved and to be considered for future work at AiYork. I would expect to hear from you (meaning me) and/or any of your staff with any concerns or issues related to this project."

I hope you will all have the same goal in mind and that you'll greet our construction worker guests with appreciation for their sensitivity, skill and willingness to help us grow and offer our students, faculty and staff improved facilities. Again, I thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,  
Tim Howard