Family Weekend
Parent Engagement
September 22, 2012
Nursing 107 10-11am

Approximately 42 in attendance

1. What do you like/what attracted you and your student to Tarleton?
   - Sense of community*
   - Parent of 1st generation student liked the student support and Transition Week*
   - Small town feel
   - Opposite experience of other daughter at University of Houston
   - University’s personal investment in each student*
   - Hope to get student through without too much debt
   - Classroom size
   - Student has to live on campus
   - Faculty involvement
   - Not just a number
   - Parent of upper-level student liked the pride students take in university and traditions
   - Campus community demonstrated the core values
   - Saw the integrity on campus
   - Gateway program
   - Positive energy
   - Felt welcome from the start at Move-in Day with faculty and staff helping
   (*Comment from more than 1 parent)

2. What should your student come out with at the end of their time at the university?
   - An open mind*
   - Sense of direction
   - Carry university traditions in their heart*
   - Sense that it wasn’t just another 4 years
   - Keep values and opinions
   - Make friends for life
   - Develop professionalism
   - Employable*
   - Find a profession that keeps them motivated
   - Ready to embrace the world
   - Communication skills (regardless of major)
   (*Comment from more than 1 parent)

3. In what areas can Tarleton improve?
   - Financial Aid department refuses to communicate with parents
   - Should not always be directed to Ms. Towns
   - Housing issues*
     - Move in instructions not clear
     - Problems with website and housing software
       - Not intuitive
- Log-in issues
- No one to help outside of normal work hours
- Updates take weeks
- Condition of some halls
  - Need pest control
  - Plumbing problems
  - No response after reporting a problem
- Growth is great, but don’t get too large.
- Tarleton is a great place for students who are not in the Top 10%*

(*Comment from more than 1 parent)

4. What programs and services should Tarleton provide in the future to better meet student needs?
   - Physical Therapy degree
   - Keep Transition Week*
   - Keep Duck Camp. Was best time of student’s life*
   - Keep traditions*
   - Need students to know about safety programs
   - Soberfest was great for students to hear from someone other than their parents*
   - Need more jobs on campus*

(*Comment from more than 1 parent)