Stakeholder Engagement Data Summary – Report #

Stakeholder Focus Group Description: Distinguished Alumni Chapter Members
UPC/PTF Member(s) Reporting: Greg Ball & Janice Horak
Number of Focus Group Participants: 8
Brief Engagement Activity Description: During the Tarleton Homecoming Distinguished Alumni Chapter met at the Trogdon House. At the end of the meeting, Greg Ball and Janice Horak distributed a brief survey based on the questions developed in the October UPC retreat.

Summary of Feedback: Brief overview of responses by alumni

Share one of the most meaningful experiences you have had at Tarleton:
Meeting & marrying my wife
Extraordinary and Exceptional exposure and teachings of committed educators who had a lasting impact on my life.
Learning and developing the basic fundamentals of leadership
Both the academic and social atmosphere of Tarleton State University

What are some of the most positive University events or trends you have seen at over the past five years?
Enrollment growth
Increased role of university leadership
Quality of faculty
Donor involvement and increased exposure outside of Stephenville

What are your thoughts about Tarleton’s growth to over 10,000 students and expansion to other sites?
Expansion for Tarleton should be well planned, organized and funded.
Must be done as a total statewide plan that looks at cost to students.

How do you envision the University in the next 10 years?
Leading Texas in innovatively meeting our students needs efficiently!
Continued growth at the campus in Stephenville and expansion to other sites as those opportunities arise providing they fit within the core mission of the University.
Restoration of the Alumni Relations Office within the University could go a long way in coordinating alumni Association goals, objectives and meaningful relationships with the University.
Retaining its strong leadership team; Obtaining the necessary funding for current and expanded programs; Developing and training the required additional faculty and supportive staff.

What would you like to see change about the University?
No change - maintain the friendly and warm welcome that the students now enjoy
1) Greater emphasis on appropriate dress standards for university students. 2) Expand efforts for students to develop pride in their university. 3) As Tarleton continues to grow the entrance requirements should be raised and academic standards increased.
I do not like the streets blocked off; I hate seeing the Alumni Assn & University Alumni Relations drifting apart; Memorial Stadium and Wisdom Gym must be brought up to the level of the rest of the campus.