A Briefing from the President – Dr. F. Dominic Dottavio, Tarleton State University

CABINET HIGHLIGHTS
Tarleton’s Executive Cabinet consists of the President, Vice Presidents and Chief of Staff. The group meets weekly to discuss business of the University.

Stepping Up Communications To Campus
In addition to this newsletter, I have asked each Vice President to provide a newsletter update to the campus from each division on a quarterly basis. Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO, Tye Minckler, provided a very nice update from his division last week and Provost Murray published a newsletter in January 2014. The campus can expect newsletter updates from the Division of Student Life in July and an update from the Division of Advancement and External Relations in October. My hope is that these updates provide valued information to all campus locations as we continue to grow and serve more students.

Strategic Plan Reporting
As mentioned during the President’s Planning Retreat in late January, we have moved from strategic planning to “strategic doing.” Operationalizing a strategic plan is a challenge many organizations face upon completion of the planning process. To move our plan forward into action, I have asked members of the Executive Cabinet to submit quarterly reports on the progress of each measurement they have responsibility for in the current fiscal year. These reports will be condensed into an annual report to be published in early December of 2014. Additionally, we are in the process of determining the most effective way to publish these quarterly reports from each member of the Executive Cabinet.

Student Stories For Commencement
During this time each semester my office is deep in the process of preparing for commencement. If you have been to our commencement ceremonies lately, you know I want to create a meaningful experience for students. I strongly believe that commencement is a celebration for and about each one of them and their families. Therefore, if you know of graduating seniors with exceptional stories, please let us know about them. I would be greatly appreciative if you could forward unique, inspirational, humorous and/or interesting stories about students to Dr. Kyle McGregor, Chief of Staff, (mcgregor@tarleton.edu) before April 25th.

84th Legislative Session - Update
The 84th Legislative Session is just around the corner and the Executive Cabinet has begun the process of formulating Capital Funding Requests (TRBs) and Exceptional Item requests. Karen Murray, Kyle McGregor and I met with Texas A&M University System – Governmental Relations officials earlier this month to assist with formulation of Tarleton’s requests. During the coming months we will complete the development of our Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) and present it to both the Chancellor and the Legislative Budget Board. I will provide additional updates as we finalize requests and move closer to the session.

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