

Open Forum – Students and Faculty were invited to provide input for the planning of the East Village Residential Community. Nine questions focused on the ideal student community for Baylor were posted on the walls of the Cashion Academic Center 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, one question per Flip Chart. Members of the Design Team and the Advisory Committee recorded the following comments on the flip chart sheets. The items in **bold** type were identified by the Advisory Committee as being essential to the creation of a successful residential community at Baylor.

**A. Baylor 2012's Imperative II is to Create a Truly Residential Campus - What characteristics do you feel are embodied by that statement?**

- **A place where people want to live for four years. A campus full of small groups of people and meaningful relations and traditions between, and within halls.**
- **A truly residential campus will supply students with easy access to food, parking, a supportive community, and comfort.**
- **Residents that stay on campus on the weekends**
- **Space and environment that gives students a reason to want to be on campus.**
- **Living in a community for 4 years being the norm! Building a family feel!**
- **Not inviting people to leave campus after freshman year.**
- **Faculty involvement.**
- **The less you leave campus, the more residential campus will be. Eating and sleeping in assigned spaces is not “truly residential”**
- **Having a SLC open 24/7**
- **A default area where there will always be something to do. “Town Square”**
- A truly residential campus is one that fulfills all student needs and is desirable and comfortable to all – ie. quality living environment, sufficient parking, and good quality food.
- Place where students can enjoy themselves 24/7 and won't become bored.
- Create an environment in which under and upper classmen like and support one another.
- Have rooms/halls that are attractive to upper classmen.
- Provide cost effective opportunities for all students
- Students have pride for their residential community
- More students live on campus than off
- The “in crowd” lives on-campus
- Majority (or closer to majority) in percentage of students on campus.
- A truly residential campus means students can easily live on campus without being shoved in a closet. I think it is also important to retain our walking campus as well. But it would be incredible if all students at Baylor could live on campus.
- A place where students can fully experience the Baylor family / community while living on and off campus. Quality living / sufficient parking more organized outside place for meeting.
- Encouraging students to stay all 4 years.
- Common space (lounges, study areas, etc.) that allows for student integration.
- A place where students live all 4 years.
- Have a majority of students living on campus.
- Spaces for all students to choose on campus living.
- Daily out of the classroom interactions with faculty (relationships)
- Spread of dorms across the whole campus including the East side.
- Bigger campus to have “truly residential feel”

- If research is to be a large focus of the University, graduate students need on-campus housing options.
- Living on campus for 4 years
- Over 50% students on campus!

**B. Where on the Baylor Campus do you feel the greatest sense of Baylor's Christian Mission?**

- **In the relationships I form with students**
- **Sacred space must be intentionally set aside for new hall**
- **Open spaces on campus that are quiet and serene (green space)**
- **\* Resident Chaplains in the halls**
- **\* It's more about people than physical places.**
- Some find Chapel as a waste of time. Life groups, small Non-denominational discussion groups work well.
- Places where things are inscribed in the walkway (ex. Quotes outside Brooks)
- Brooks Chapel
- Common grounds
- Founders-Mall-the beauty and peaceful nature of the area reminds me to be still and know that He is Lord.
- Armstrong Browning
- Burleson Quad
- Walking campus and seeing scripture on the sides of buildings like Pat Neff.
- Kokernot
- The new residence hall should include a chapel area similar to the one in Alexander Memorial Residential Hall.
- Anywhere people gather
- Bobo Spiritual Life Center & Spiritual Life Staff Resident Chaplain program in each hall.
- Waco Hall (chapel)
- **\* Robbins Chapel**
- Seminary (Truett)
- Spiritual Walkway @ North Village
- Intentionality at North Village & Brooks of incorporating religion w/l architecture.
- Pat Nett Hall and the quotes around it – also quotes on walk ways (N. Village / Brooks)
- Miller Chapel & Armstrong Library
- The annual church fair
- The people (the new space should allow for relationship building)
- Places with big, stately trees like founders mall

**C. What attracts and retains students to live on the Baylor Campus? How can a new facility contribute?**

- **Driving to class isn't required (and getting basic needs, milk, band-aids, etc)**
- **A space for common interactions (open for all Baylor community)**
- **Mixed classes (years) living with each other.**
- **Wicked awesome architecture, amenities, and functionality of living spaces.**
- **Safety**
- **Sense of community with other students**
- **Moveable furniture – rooms + commons**
- **Coed**

- **Location nearby the BSB for Sciences & Pre-Med Students**
- **Ownership**
- **Resources in the facility (tutor, library, study spaces, common area, etc.)**
- Proximity to academic facilities
- Students move off campus because of poor condition of dorms (i.e. Collins)
- 4 year living
- Large programming space
- \* Having freshman & upperclassman interacting and fostering within a well developed community with structured programs and sufficient free time / sufficient parking (nearby)
- Quiet study space – 24 hours (don't have off campus)
- Freshman should not have cars on campus (parking)
- Opportunity to meet people.
- Convenience
- Actual room environment and size of the rooms.
- Challenges to build community in suites/apts felt at home
- New, nice facilities
- Brooks College
- Freedom
- Better visitation hours
- Policy
- Provides more space
- Common space for all Baylor students
- Carpet
- More updated, modern facilities that are healthy for all students to live in
- Simple 1 pkg \$
- Zip cars
- Legacy-family
- Living w/faculty
- Being near campus programming

**D. Where on the Baylor Campus (spaces, location, etc.) does a strong sense of community exist?**

- **Sacred space & quiet place that are open spaces for gathering**
- **Alexander reading room – table sizes seating flex!**
- **Need 24 hr study spaces!**
- **Landscaping features, water! – UT Austin outdoor pool**
- **Prison Yard??? – Underutilized**
- Limited # of entrances (not 1 maybe, but very few to encourage interaction – you can't miss people)
- Traditional dorm (with common bath...)
- ELG Program same group/age grow together LLC
- North Village Engineer!
- Koker, coed program
- Balance with entire campus

- Brooks College
- Crest, Family Dinner, Ownership!!!
- 24 Hour spaces
- Entrance, green
- Penland dining size res. Needs study accessibility
- Allen front lobby
- Sci Athum BSB (Fields)
- Green Space
- Congregate without community
- Incidental Subarea SLIC
- Multicultural Activities
- Vera Daniel Plaza ledges
- Green spaces
- Plaza too cliquey
- 5<sup>th</sup> St b/w Martin & Penland Events
- Memorial same classes
- Libraries – similar goal
- Fresh dorms need community congregation space!
- Business lobby flexible tables seating
- Hall office good lobby, soft seating, swings, fireplace, square feet!
- Generous spaces
- North Village to open/doors > in B/W
- Brooks too singular
- Russell Middle (Courts)
- Collins, Mem, Dawson sundeck, can be themselves.

**E. What are some of the key characteristics you would like to see in a new student residence?**

- **Co-ed study areas (unlike Brooks, which is single-gender)**
- **LLC program for Science/Pre-Med students, however the LLC should not be over all the East Village so upperclassmen who don't want to be in a program can live there also.**
- **Traditional hall (community bathrooms)**
- **Co-ed**
- **All classes (Fr-Sr)**
- **Intentional community**
- **Rooms for music/piano**
- **Space for large lectures / events (like Alexander Reading room)**
- **WIFI**
- **Lighting, windows, higher ceilings**
- Faculty & Pro staff Apts. On top level of Hall ( U. Tulsa)
- Outdoor water elements (fountains, pools, etc.)
- Landscaping – lawns, trees, benches, etc.
- Sound-proof

- Phone booths – so girls can yell at their boyfriends in privacy away from their roommates
- Doors to rooms open into hall - no isolation (like freshman in apt. –style housing)
- A truly diverse community
- Not just a residential college or other LLP
- Residential College
- Daily, weekly, annual rhythm of life, i.e. prayer, dinners, teas, annual events
- Faculty involvement (or FIR)
- Dining facility
- Expectation for 4-year experience
- A space for worship / liturgy (4 year Brooks Residents)
- Academic diversity of residents
- Common areas for informal interaction
- Library / study space (permanent – never converted to student rooms)
- Affordable to students / families
- Moveable furniture
- Ethos to a tradition
- ELG Program
- Computer lab in residence hall
- Comfortable study space
- Kitchens with dishwashers
- Large community program space and large lobby (UT Austin San Jac. Hall)

**F. Where do students like to study and what features would best support study in the residential environment?**

- **Dry erase boards**
- **2 community computers in lobby and color printer as well as b/w double sided**
- **Isolated environments along with group meeting spaces (isolated on each floor, group spaces in bottom lobby) sectioned with partitions.**
- **At least 1 study room per floor**
- **Sections for quiet study and group study different types (conference, comfy, etc) spread out**
- **Randomly placed study area (BSB)**
- **Coed study space (See Kokernot)**
- Wireless Internet all over + Ethernet ports
- Couches, desks with lapdesk, tables
- Can't ever be a bedroom
- Outlets! Near furniture and/or in the floor
- Library (w/checkout-Honor) with books that span all fields with reference material.
- Practice space for music playing and dance (insulated)
- Furniture options (couches, desks, chairs, see BoBo) rolling white boards (library)
- Lighting able to adjust
- Cubicles
- Coffee shop and or vending machine with coffee and food.
- Kicksans copier + classic

- Big enough for large group meetings (CL's)

**G. What are some of the key characteristics you would like to see in a new student dining experience?**

- **Diversity in Menu (healthy) made to order is GREAT!**
- **Operational Hours**
- **Windows! Natural Light**
- **Tall open ceilings**
- **Multi-purpose > hall events > Large and Small Group Events**
- **Outdoor seating> McMullen**
- CO-OP functionality
- Servery > Dining
- Sustainable – day-to-day (no styro)
- Break out – Reserve dining with AD1AC warming / Prep Room (10-20 > 20-30 people)
- Long tables are a “+” (positive)
- Bench seating “-” (negative)
- Variety of table types
- Multiple points of entry
- Mobile seating options
- Concerns over required meal plan purchases
- Walk-up stations (not buffet) with individual item purchase option
- Large salad bar / options / \$ by the oz.
- Open / available >
- Well organized lines
- WI-FI
- Anti-room Lounge Space
- Breakout > Coffee / Café Seating

**H. Where do students like to hang out and what are some of the key features of great social space for Baylor students?**

- **Swings! All around campus**
- **Where it is comfortable & feels like home = Sub where TVs are, windows, living room feel, carpet, lamps, paint on walls**
- **Game room**
- **Pool**
- **Ping Pong**
- **Not just a green space but 1 with benches landscaping, chapel area, Pianos like Pat Neff/ Outdoor sports area, b-ball, v-ball**
- **Inside bleeds to outside “porch”**
- **Coffee shop/places where deep conversations happen**
- **H<sub>2</sub>O features & trees**

**Library**

- Combines social and academic Outside (e.g. Collins)
- Great for nice weather
- North Village tables

## Residence Halls

- Rooms
- Common Areas
- Dining Halls
- Vera
- Martin Plaza – very close to indoors, but great shaded area. Has wireless
- Daniel
- Aesthetics
- Anywhere with TV's, Media, Wireless
- Places you can talk
- Careful with hours – don't close too early.
- In front of TVs – off to side can escape
- Close to their rooms & where food is accessible
- Formal social space anyone can use
- Interactive video game playing area
- Focus for each space – not a buffet
- Front desk larger – i.e. Heritage House
- Common Grounds
  - Open
  - Food!! And coffee
  - Intimate setting
  - Trendy
  - Flexible/Adaptable seating
- SLC
  - Lots of people
  - Lots of things to do
- SUB
  - See above
  - Variety of areas
- Judge Baylor lawn, Founders Hall
- Clear demarcation of study vs social areas

## **I. What questions should the planning team and the university be exploring regarding creating a new student residence or enhancing the residential community at Baylor?**

- **Will it have a faculty-in-residence?**
- **How accessible is it for those with disabilities?**
- Cost of the space for students (affordability)
- How many students should be housed?
- Type of space (suites, apts., etc.)
- Themed or traditional housing?
- Classification of residents (1<sup>st</sup> year, Upperclassmen)
- Design of building to support community
- Will there be community leader singles (one bed)?
- Parking
- More LLPs? (Pre Health/Pre Med)

- What would keep upper classmate on campus? (i.e. kitchens/suites)
- Availability & closeness of a dining hall
- Visitation hours
- Decorating capabilities (e.g. ability to paint walls, hang decorations)
- Safety
- Classrooms
- Let's have some open space for anyone – not all LLPs
- 4 year living!
- Overall Community
  - On campus
  - Within the hall