

# Strategic Planning at WSU The Stakeholder Survey

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# Overview

- The Survey and The Stakeholders
- Themes & Subthemes:
  - **Where We Are Now:**University's Current Value
  - **Where We Could Be**Future Directions
  - **Challenges**Barriers to Overcome
- Graphical Comparison Across Groups
- Concluding Analysis & Discussion

# The Stakeholders Survey

- Stakeholders from multiple groups were sent an online survey to give **feedback on the future planning** of WSU Tri-Cities
- Specifically, stakeholders were asked to write out responses to questions about the **value** they place in WSU-TC, what they'd like to see **in the future**, and what is **holding the campus back**
- All of the responses were analyzed and coded **themes and subthemes**. Supplemental statistical analyses were also conducted.

# Who Are the Stakeholders of IOWA SU

- Community Members
- System & Campus Administration
- Campus Faculty
- Campus Staff
- Prospective, Past, & Current Students  
(Undergraduates, Graduates, Running Start, etc.)

# Stakeholder Survey Themes

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*What Did Stakeholders Say?*

“Thinking about WSU Tri-Cities overall as an institution,  
how is WSU Tri-Cities **valuable** to you?”

- 1) Student Accessibility
- 2) Connection to Community
- 3) Unique Student Experience & Opportunities

# Theme 1: Student Accessibility

- Local Proximity
- Affordability
- Opportunity for Non-Traditional Students

# Theme 2: Connection to Comm

- Supports Local Economy, Community, Partners, & Industry
- Reputation



# Theme 3: Unique Student Experience & Oppor

- Intimate Campus
- Diverse Student Body
- RealWorld Experience of Internships & Research
- Personalized Instruction
- Strong STEM & Other Programs

“What is your vision for **direction** of WSU Tri-Cities' future, and what ways could WSU Tri-Cities **better** fulfill your ideals for the institution?”

1) Overall Growth

2) Increase in Local & Regional Relevance

3) Improved Services & Facilities

4) Increased Reputation & Quality

5) Increased Diversity & Inclusion

# Theme 1: Overall Growth

- Student Population Growth
- Maintaining Commitment to Campus Mission
- New, YearRound, and Online Course Availability
- Improved Workforce Preparation
- More Degree Options
- Growth Toward Opportunities of Four-Year University
- Staff Development
- More Graduate Programs

# Theme 2: Increase in Local & Regional Re

- Relationship with Local Businesses, CBC, & Local High Schools
- Region-Specific Offerings (e.g. Wine, Agriculture, Health, Engineering, etc.)
- Community-Centered Outreach & Events

# Theme 3: Improved Services & Facilities

- Physical & Mental Health Assistance
- Student Services
- Upgrade Current Campus Facilities & Interiors
- Technology & Lab Upgrades
- Housing Upgrades
- New Campus Facilities and Infrastructure

# Theme 4: Increased Reputation & Quality

- Drive to 25 & Leaders in Research
- Reputation as Leaders in STEM
- Clarified Relationship Within the System & Improved InterCampus Relations
- Improved Campus Administrative Leadership
- Improved Inter-Departmental Procedures & Relations
- Increase in Quality/Reputable Staff
- Healthier Departmental Work Environment

# Theme 5: Increased Diversity & Inclusion

- Staff Diversity
- Attract Hispanic, Non-Traditional, & Transfer Students

“What barriers to effective campus planning do you see?”

- 1) Campus Dysfunction
- 2) Budget Inefficiencies
- 3) Student Support
- 4) Campus Needs Inconsistent with System Needs
- 5) Location



# Theme 1: Campus Dysfunctional

- Campus Climate & Interdepartmental Disharmony
- Leadership
- Communication Between Campuses & in Community
- Administrative Transparency
- Need for Greater Awareness of What We Do Have

# Theme 2: Budgeting Inefficiencies

- Poor Prioritization of Funds
- Low Availability of Funds

# Theme 3: Student Support

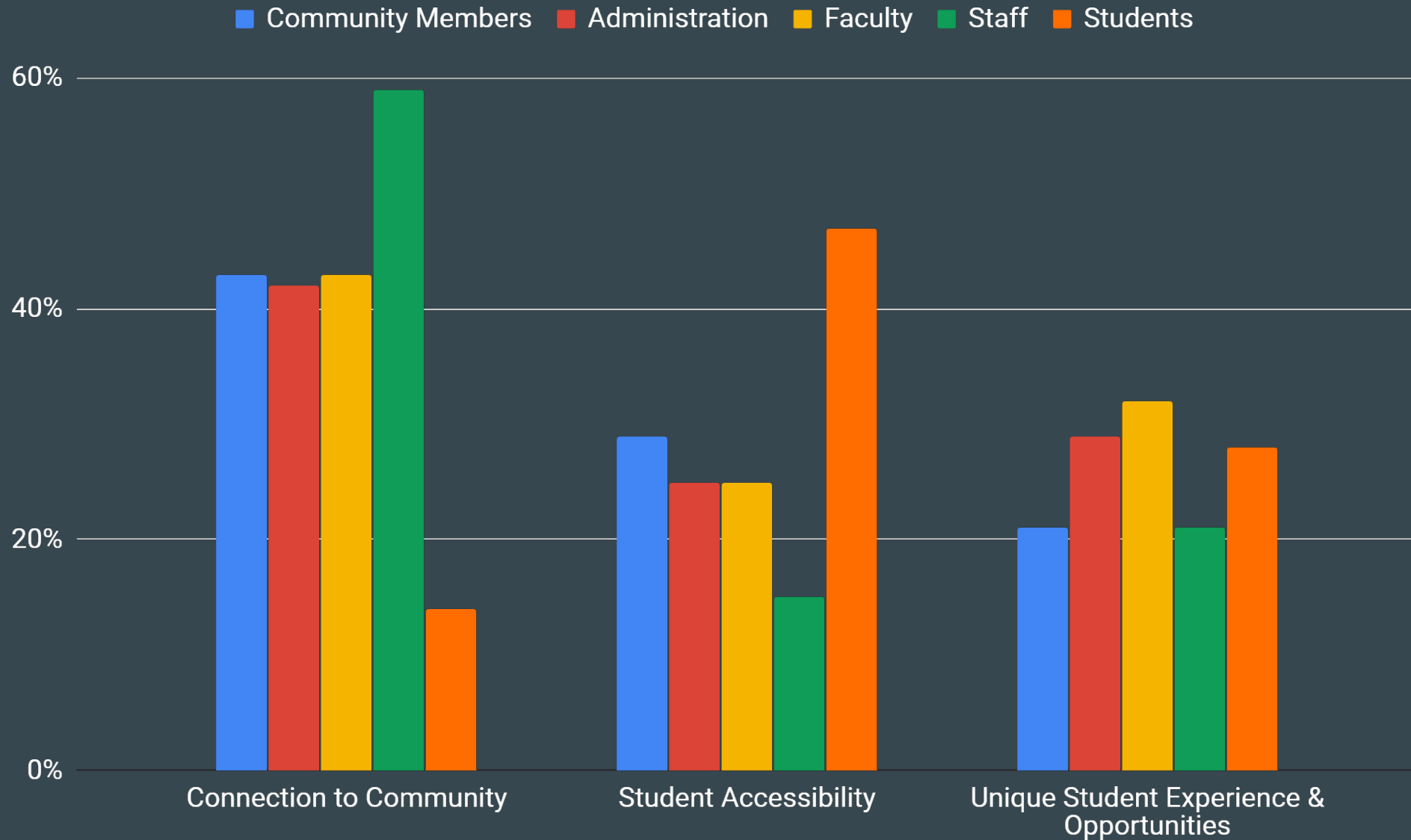
- Lack of Services
- Insufficient Number of Faculty

# Theme 4: Campus Needs Inconsistent with System Needs

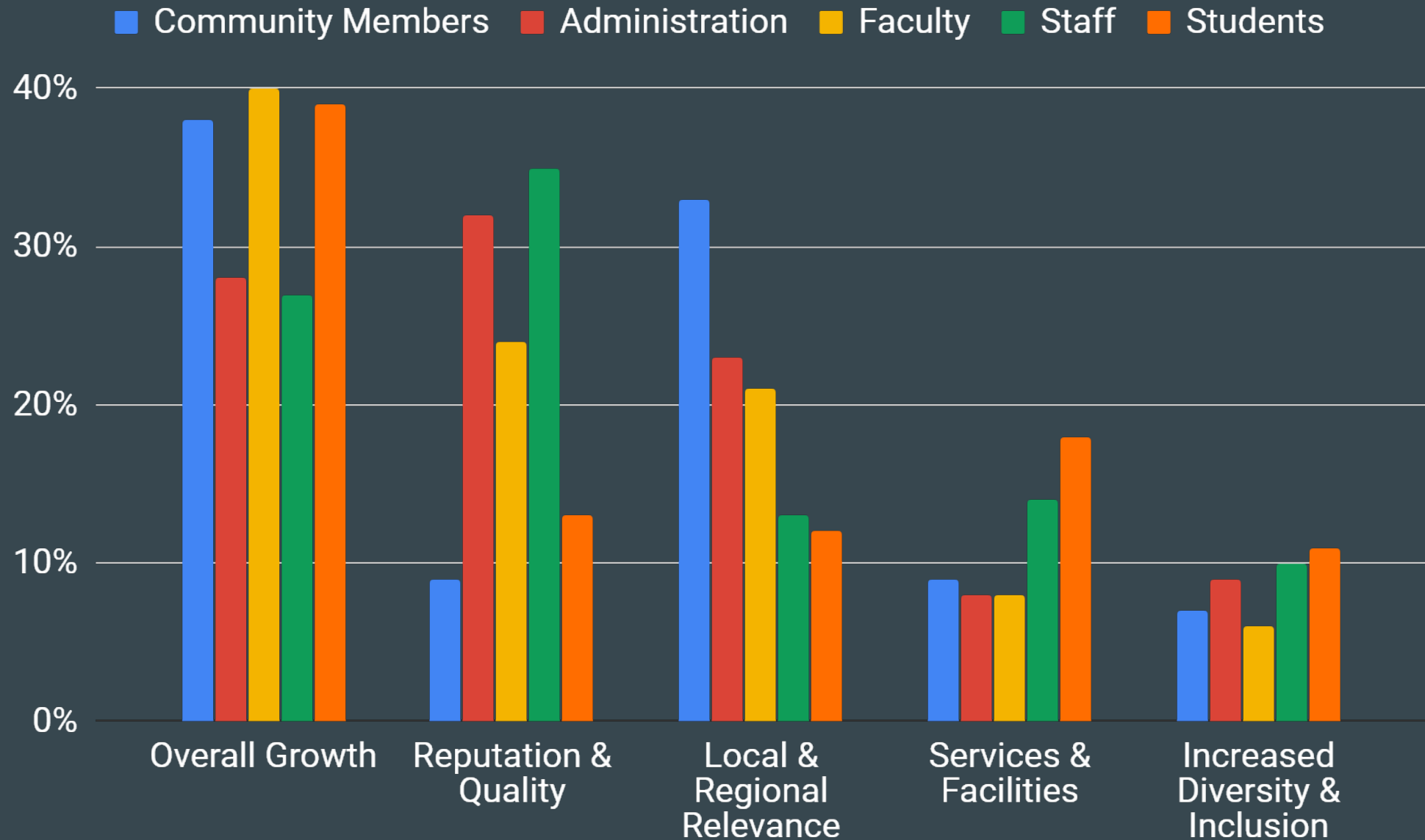
# Theme 5: Location

- Isolation from Community

# “How is WSU-Cities valuable to you?”



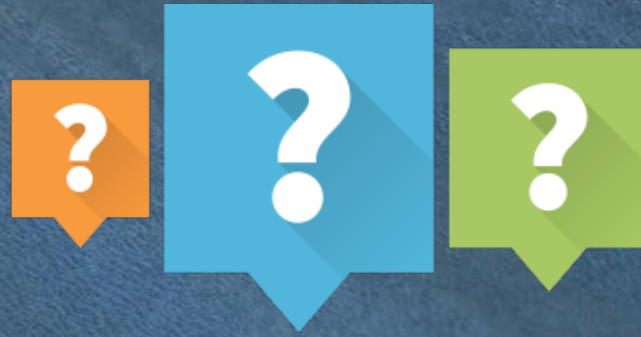
# “How Could WSU Cities Better Fulfill Your Ideals?”



# Summary & Conclusions

- Values
  - Remembering our student values (accessibility, unique student experience)
  - Much agreement about values & future directions, differences mainly in emphasis
- Suggestions & Discussion Questions
  - Overall Growth: Can we be all things to all people?
  - Local & Regional Relevance may tie into Unique Student Experiences & Opportunities?
  - Can we find ways these also fit with Drive to 25 and increase in quality & reputation?





# Discussion and Questions



Thank You Very Much!