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# THE QUESTIONNAIRE

# **CHAPTER 1 – Contact Information**

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2. Your college is public or private?

A. Name:B. Company:C. Work Title:D. Country:

A. Public B. Private

1. Please give us the following contact information:

3.	What is the annual tuition of your college prior to any deductions or aid but excluding room and board?
4.	What is the Total Enrollment of your college?
5.	Your college might best be described as: A. Community College B. 4-Year College C. MA/PHD Granting. D. Research University
СНА	PTER 2 – Frequency and Type of Alumni Surveys
6.	How often does your alumni organization conduct surveys of alumni?
7.	In addition to one or more major alumni surveys, does the college conduct smaller ormore targeted surveys which involve fewer questions or sub groups of the alumni population or both?
	A. Yes B. No
8.	If the college does conduct surveys of subgroupsof alumni which of these has it surveyed in recent years?
9.	Has the college employed a consultant or surveying organization within the past three years to assist or conduct alumni surveys for the college?
	A. Yes B. No

- 10. Alumni surveys are conducted by which of the following:
  - A. Office of Advancement or Fundraising
  - B. Office of Alumni Affairs
  - C. Institutional Assessment or Planning
  - D. Other Department or Office
  - E. Other (please specify):

## **CHAPTER 3 – Response Rates**

- 11. The response rate for your last alumni survey was approximately?
- 12. If you have taken any measures to increase response rates or response quality what have you done?
- 13. If response rates are higher for some groups of alumni than others defined by age, gender, profession, college major or school attended, income level or other variable please describe these differences in response rates.
- 14. In recent years would you say that response rates have:
  - A. Decreased
  - B. Remained About the Same
  - C. Increased

## **CHAPTER 4 – Distribution of Findings**

- 15. Does the college publish a report based on the research findings of the alumni survey?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
- 16. The results of the alumni survey are distributed to which departments at your college?
- 17. If so to whom is the report made available?
- 18. Which departments of the college would you say have contributed questions to the alumni survey?

#### **CHAPTER 5 – Partnerships and Consortium Efforts**

19. To the best of your knowledge has your college participated in any consortium or other alumni surveying effort that involves directing your alumni to take a standardized alumni survey that is open to alumni of other colleges so that colleges may benchmark responses against group norms or other benchmarks?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- 20. If your college has participated in such efforts what was the fee for the last time you participated?
- 21. Describe the nature of this consortium or other partnership effort with other colleges or through vendors.

#### **CHAPTER 6 – Survey Instrument**

- 22. If the college uses an online survey tool for its alumni surveying which online tool or tools does it use and why those particular ones?
- 23. The surveys are predominantly sent out or done by:
  - A. Mail
  - B. Phone
  - C. Email
  - D. Other (please specify)
- 24. If your last major alumni survey was completely or partially conducted by mail, how many survey forms did you mail out?
- 25. What was the cost of the mailing for each of the following:
  - A. Printing:
  - B. Postage:
- 26. Has the college ever offered an incentive or inducement to alumni to take the alumni survey?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
- 27. If so what was the incentive or inducement; how much did it cost the college and what was the impact on survey response rates?

#### **CHAPTER 7 – Survey Contents**

- 28. Approximately how many questions did the college's main alumni survey questionnaire have?
- 29. What percentage of questions pertain to the student's current job and income level?
- 30. What percentage of the questions on the main alumni survey would you say pertain

- to the alumni's educational experiences after leaving the college or plans for future education?
- 31. In your experience what is the trade off between survey length and survey response rates? If you increase the length of a survey by 20 questions what does this do to your response rates? How do you take into account this trade off?

# **CHAPTER 8 – Use of Survey Results**

- 32. Have you redeveloped or altered your alumni surveying in recent years to get a better picture of how your alumni are faring in the job market so that your college will be better able to meet current or future demands from government for such information?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
- 33. Do you plan to make such initial changes or adjustments of more such changes or adjustments in the near future to your alumni surveying efforts in order to better deal with current or potential demands from government or other overseers?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
- 34. If you have made changes or adjustments in the recent past, or plan such changes in the near future, what have you done or do you plan to do?

#### **CHAPTER 9 – Advice for Peers**

35. What advice can you offer your peers about bet practices in designing, administering and using alumni surveys and the resulting data?

### **PARTICIPANTS LIST**

Berry College **Bluffton University** Bridgewater College **Bridgewater State University** Casper College Alumni Association Cedar Crest College Colorado Christian University **DeSales University** East Central Community College Ferrum College Florida International University Freed-Hardeman University Genesee Community College **Hamilton College Hodges University** Lackawanna College Lawrence Technological University Life University Louisville Presbyterian Seminary Mason Nichols College Oklahoma City University Pacific Lutheran University Presbyterian College Saginaw Valley State University Saint Joseph's College of Maine Schoolcraft College Southern Arkansas University State University of NY at New Paltz **SUNY Orange** Susquehanna University The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago The University of Tampa University of Arkansas Fort Smith University of Idaho University of the Pacific UT Martin WV Wesleyan College