

ANNUAL MEETING

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Good morning,

I decided I was not going to write a report. Before you get too excited about that fact, I assure you that since I was a child, I have never passed up an opportunity to speak.

This is a challenging time in Wilson history to be new and forming relationships. It has been one heck of a learning curve over the past 13 months. I believe at this juncture - it's more important you understand a little more about me to know if you want me to be your representative. I generally approach new endeavors with establishing expectations.

Yes - I am a college employee. As the director of my office, it is my responsibility to represent and outreach to all of our nearly 8000 Wilson alumnae/i and non-graduates. It is also in my job description that I am the bridge between the college and the Alumnae Association. In that role, I work closely with the board volunteers seated here on this stage. I communicate with other offices of the college to share the varied messages I hear from you. I work to create opportunities for collaboration and I seek avenues to foster ongoing Wilson connections.

Related to the commission process, I am not in the convincing business. I respect that each of you have the right to think, feel, do what you need to do for yourself. I have focused on listening, respecting, directing you to materials or proper channels, talking about your Wilson passion - how would you like to be connected to Wilson at this time and how might I assist in making that happen. For many of you, the common theme has been supporting students. For others it has been a reconnection to a specific club, academic program or sport. Some of you give time, ideas, funding, moral or student career support..... I don't recall outright turning anyone away.

Integrity is very important to me. I pledge to continue listening and assisting in our collaborative efforts. I will continue to share your thoughts, feelings and suggestions with the appropriate office or volunteer personnel.

My style is direct. I will freely share what I can or cannot do ... usually with an explanation. I am not afraid to push back and state my own concerns or questions. I am not afraid to admit I may not know something or I potentially made a mistake. I am aware that for each of my actions - some of you will approve while others

question. I urge you to please inquire and let's talk things out. Even if we agree to disagree - we move forward with a greater shared understanding of each other.

I say all of this because I need you. Wilson needs you. We need to find ways to rebuild relationships. I cannot undo anything of the past; and I know from everything I have heard over my first year that there is a great deal of hurt in this room. There is also a great deal of love and commitment in this room. We are, as our reunion 2013 theme says " Proud to be Wilson"!

I truly thank those that have given me the chance to know and work with them. I am hopeful that together we all have great things to come.

If I am not mistaken, as I described myself as speaking my mind, having integrity, full of passion to make a difference and help others...these are cornerstones of what I have come to know as being a Wilson Woman.

Thank you.

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