Alumnae Trustee Report June 3, 2017

The Wilson College Board of Trustees met on October 20 - 22, 2016, February 17 - 18, 2017 and May 12 -13, 2017.

The following new Wilson College Mission Statement was approved at the October Board of Trustees meeting.

Wilson College empowers students through an engaged, collaborative, liberal arts education that combines the skills and focused study needed for success in work and life. We are a close, supportive community that develops the mind and character of all students, preparing them to meet the challenges of a global society.

### Academic Affairs.

The following Masters programs were approved by the board.

- Masters of Educational Technology
- Masters of Special Education (three options were approved) MSE General; MSE with Pre-K-8 Special Ed Certification; MSE 7-12 Special Ed Certification.
- Masters in Mass Customized Learning.
- . A celebration was held for the 20th anniversary of the Single Parent Scholar Program. This celebration was held in conjunction with the official opening of the new college entrance and Quad area. This event was very well attended by former single parents and their families as well as other alums and members of the Chambersburg community.
- . The 147th commencement was held on May 14, 2017 honoring 182 graduates. Degrees awarded included 101 bachelor and associates degrees, 75 masters degrees and six received bachelor of science in nursing degrees.

Five students were inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society, on Saturday, May 13, 2017. They are: Gaser Ahmed, Karis Daniel, Netha Kane, Stephanie Marshall, and Tailah Nickerson.

John David Risher, cofounder and chief executive officer of Worldreader was the speaker. He is the son of Sarah Walker Risher '63.

Susan Breakefield Fulton '61 was honored with trustee emerita status.

## **Enrollment Management and Student Development**

. Official enrollment numbers for FY17/Fall 16 was 1098. The enrollment goal for the year was 1107. Undergraduate - 458, Adult Degree - 290, Graduate Programs (including Eduspire) 350.

Applications and deposits are up over last year at this time. The total enrollment goal for FY18/Fall 17 is 1627.

. Mary Ann Naso, VP for Enrollment, retired on May 31, 2017. The interim VP for enrollment is David Boisvert. Mr. Boisvert will serve while a search for a permanent replacement is conducted.

Searches also continue for a Chaplin as well as a Director of Counseling.

- . Certain members of the incoming class will be invited to participate in the Rowland LEAP (Learning, Exploring, Achieving, Participating) two week summer bridge program for incoming students to assist in math. This program can accommodate two groups of 15 students for a total of 30. Each will have a professor and student mentor. This program is underwritten by funds from the Title III grant.
- . The VMT program is adopting a LEAD (Listen, Encourage, Assist, Develop) Program, whereby sophomore VMT students mentor incoming freshman VMT students.
- . Based on student feedback, new systems are being put in place to help facilitate improved customer service. A one stop center will be staffed by three student services counselors who will be able to provide financial aid, student accounts, and registration services. Admissions and Student "Development will provide input and establish partnerships with the new student services team to ensure that the processes and procedures are beneficial to students.

#### **Institutional Advancement**

- . Overall giving as of May 11th is \$4.787 Million. We are still receiving payments on library pledges. The Wilson Fund stands at \$1.151million.
- . The Board approved the strategic goals of Setting the Balance: Prioritizing the Student Experience. Setting the Balance represents the continuation of ongoing evaluation of the Wilson experience for each student. Goals include review and assessment of programs and processes through a student first lens.

#### **Finance**

. The Board approved the FY18 budget and the FY18 Capital budget. Included are upgrades to restrooms and life cycle replacement items.

# **Buildings and Grounds**

. Phase 2 of the Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Initiative Project was approved by the Chambersburg Borough Council. The Borough will provide up to 36 lights along the improved sidewalk that borders the campus. The Borough will provide the electric and maintenance of the new lights.

## **Trusteeship and Governance**

. Margaret Hamilton Duprey, owner and operator of a private equine and beef cattle business in the greater Philadelphia area and Patricia Camvel Shea, attorney with K&L Gates LLP in Harrisburg, PA, were elected to the Board of Trustees for a three year term.

Returning Trustees elected for an additional term are: Robin Bernstein, Mary Jo Maydew, Phoebe H. Stevenson, Barbara L. Tenney '67, Robert Baker, and Nancy Washington. Judith C. Grove '74, was ratified as the new alumnae trustee.

Retiring from the trustee board are: alumnae trustee Dorothy M. Van Brakle '09, Susanna N. Duke '71, Tracy C. Leskey '90, Jill A. Roberts '88, and Judith R. Stewart '73.

The following officers were elected to a one year term: Barbara L. Tenney '67, Chair; J. Samuel Houser, Vice Chair; Lisbeth S. Luka '69, Secretary; and James A. Smeltzer, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, Alumnae Trustees Dorothy M. Van Brakle, '09 Lynne E. DiStasio, '74 Sarah W. Wilson, '10