

Summary Report
AAWC board of Directors Meeting
September 25, 2016

On September 23-25, Alumnae Association held its Fall Weekend on campus. Program highlights included sessions on the revised Volunteer Handbook and the work of the Class Representatives, an information session on Research Day, and a “meet and greet” with students for Career Development purposes. We also held a Paint Nite on Friday evening which included students.

The Volunteer Handbook will be sent to all verified current class representatives. The book will be available online.

With the beginning of a new school year, comes the need for alums in the Aunt Sarah Program. Many students have signed up and pairing will take place in the near future. If you would like to be an Aunt Sarah to a student, please contact us at AAWC@wilson.edu.

Marybeth Famulare, Director of Alumnae/i Relations, and I went to see the movie *Equity* on September 7th at the Carlisle Theatre. The movie was produced by Candy Strait – Class of 1969. There is an article in the summer issue of the magazine.

The Finance Committee reviewed the financial statements for FY16. Balances as of June 30 are: Class Treasuries \$73,189, Alumnae/i Student Activities \$1,062, Internships \$7,351, Preservation \$6,163, Tift Award \$393, Silver Lining Fund \$1,986, and general operating fund \$25,600. Financials were sent to the auditors for review.

From Reunion Weekend to Fall Weekend, we were holding a raffle to raise funds for the Silver Lining Fund. Beth Luka '69 donated the use of her condo in Hilton Head as the prize. The winner is Pam Cochrane Tisdale '68. \$712 was raised.

The Nominating Committee is currently working on the 2017-19 slate of officers and directors. Up for election will be the Secretary, an Alumnae Trustee, a nominating committee member, and several directors. If you would like to nominate someone, please refer to the Nominating Form which can found online.

We made an in-kind donation of leftover beverages from Reunion Weekend to the Fulton Farm Fundraiser held on September 24th.

The Heritage Committee held a Ring-It-Forward Ceremony to present a ring from Elsie “Penny” Love Novak '65 to Katelin Mowen '18. This brings the total number of rings “forwarded” to 21.

The Association awarded an internship gift in the amount of \$300 to a student for a study abroad semester. Over the summer, \$75 worth of assistance was given to a student from our Silver Lining Fund.

Our Alumnae Association has not given a gift to the college in the past two years. We've noticed that the existing picnic tables are in pretty bad shape. We approved the purchase of four poly picnic tables. There will be three hexagon shaped and one 8' rectangle in gray and blue. Students and staff alike will enjoy these for years to come.

Total college enrollment for this fall is 1098. This is the largest student body enrollment in our history. By cohort, there are 458 traditional undergraduates, 290 adult undergraduates, and 350 graduate students.

Total giving to the college for FY16 amounted to \$6.1 million. The Wilson Fund came in at \$1.3 million. I am pleased to announce that we had 100% giving to the college from the Alumnae Association Board of Directors.

Campus updates:

- Curbing along the perimeter of the campus is complete
- Renovations to Rosenkrans Hall are complete
- Learning Quad between the library and science center is landscaped and open
- Loop Road has been widened and paved
- Hankey Center parking lot was expanded and paved
- Coffee House and College Store in library will be open by the end of September
- New main entrance at Park Avenue will be finished by end of September; ribbon cutting will be held on October 21st
- Alumnae House was painted (gray); shutters painted (black)

The Travel Committee: Trips for 2017 are --

- Riverboat Cruise -- on the Mississippi River -- April 23-May 1
- The Great Parks of California -- July 1-8
- Alumni Campus Abroad in Italy -- Sorrento -- Sept. 27-Oct. 5
- Village Life in France: Languedoc--The *REAL* South of France-Oct. 14-22

Respectfully submitted,
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President