## **Breakout #1 (Ann Marie)**

- 1. What common questions do you hear about the Association and its benefits?
  - Fewer questions, but hesitation people think it's giving focused only
  - Alumni Association has quieter voice in sharing key events and activities through the university
- 2. What <u>functional</u> benefits appeal to members? (e.g. access to networking opportunities, webinars, discounts)
  - Circles!!
  - Networking to seek employment; advancing career
  - Travel packages
  - Discount in spirit shop
  - Connecting in person; social
- 3. If the Association could (hypothetically) have any celebrity spokesperson, who would it be and why?
  - Dwyane Wade
  - Dan Pudi
  - Jimmy Butler
  - Doc Rivers

## **Breakout #2 (Pat)**

- 1. What are the Association's biggest strengths? Biggest weaknesses?
  - Strengths: Engagement, passion, resource rich, responsive and action-oriented, desire to be inclusive
  - Weaknesses: Hard to find things online, Alumni Clubs are "on an island," disparate thoughts/direction
- 2. If the Association was a car, what would it be and why?
  - Station wagon comfortable, engaging, welcomes everyone, dependable
  - Want to be a Tesla
- 3. When you leave a room after a conversation about the Association, what do you want people to feel or think about the Association?
  - It's welcoming, personal, a resource, included in opportunities/discussions
  - People are drawn to be connected with the university and each other

## **Breakout #3 (Ron)**

- 1. Where do you see opportunity for the Alumni Association in the future?
  - Close the gap between new grads and the Association (start before graduation)
  - Immediately communicate that we're not only about giving money and where the local clubs are situated
  - Sponsor an event for grads <u>before</u> graduation (connecting graduation years so they can learn from one another)
- 2. What <u>emotional</u> benefits appeal to members (e.g. friendship, camaraderie, connection)?
  - Community and service
  - Learned how we could make a difference
  - We are a family and spiritually we are always at Marquette
  - Ignatian lens, Jesuit spirit
- 3. If alumni remember only one thing about the Association and its benefits, what would you like that to be?
  - Connection with Marquette graduates spanning all years
  - When we get information from Marquette, we share it with alumni – you're still part of the community – stay tuned with what's happening.