

# Guilfordian

## Academic Policy Changes Announced

Last spring certain changes in academic policy were approved by the faculty, effective for the fall semester, 1975.

### 1. GRADING SYSTEM

The 3 point grading system was changed to a 4 point system, with one grade point assigned for each credit hour of D work, two for C, three for B, and four for A. The Registrar's office has changed the cumulative grade point average on every student's transcript to conform to the 4 point system.

### 2. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The traditional plan for graduation now requires the completion of 128 hours of work with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better, based on all grades received exclusive of P/F grades. However, the required 2.00 grade point average still represents a C average, just as a 1.00 grade point average represented a C average under the 3 point system.

A C credit accumulation plan was approved by the faculty as an alternative route to graduation. Under this plan, a student may graduate when he completes 128 hours of C work at Guilford, D and F grades ignored. Graduation under this plan will obviously take a longer period of time, but will enable the consistent C student to overcome one bad semester of work.

All grades earned by the student attempting to graduate under either the traditional plan (Grade Point Average Plan - GPA) or the Alternative Plan (C Credit Accumulation Plan CCA) will appear on his permanent record, including D's and F's. Grade point averages will continue to be computed for all students for purposes of assigning rank in the student's graduating class or for use by graduate school

admissions offices. Under CCA, however, the grade point average will not figure in the satisfaction of graduation requirements.

Under the alternative plan (CCA), a grade of D in any required course (outside the major) will be considered as satisfying a core or distribution requirement and the course need not be repeated, but will carry no credit toward the degree.

### 3. P/F GRADING

The faculty redefined the Passing grade under P/F grading as C work or above, and all faculty will consider D work in a course taken on a P/F basis as failing work.

### 4. PROBATION

New standards for probation were approved, tying probationary status to a single semester's work rather than to a cumulative grade point average. Full-time students with grades less than C in 8 credit hours of work or more and part-time students with grades less than C in 4 credit hours of work or more during any given semester will be placed on probation for the following semester. XD and XF marks will be counted as D's or F's respectively in determining probationary status. Since probation depends upon a single semester's work, a student may be placed on probation even if his cumulative grade point average is greater than C (2.00).

Probation is not to be considered a punitive measure but rather an indication that the student needs to make greater effort and that he should seek special counselling from his academic advisor or from the staff of the Director of Student Services to help surmount difficulties which might lead to suspension and dismissal. Students on probation are permitted no unexcused absences from class.



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After the completion of 24 hours of work, any student on probation (if his cumulative grade point average is below C) is subject to suspension for one semester if he qualifies for probation for the immediately following semester. His record will be carefully reviewed by the Retention Subcommittee.

Suspended students may apply for readmission to the college through the Admissions Subcommittee after the one semester period of suspension has elapsed. If, in the opinion of the Subcommittee, the applicant shows evidence of increased maturity and purpose as well as academic potential, he may be readmitted conditionally.

### 5. SUSPENSION

Entering students will be assured academically of 24 credit hours of work at Guilford College to prove their ability to achieve at the college level.

### 6. DISMISSAL

If the student, following his readmission, accumulates

grades less than C in 8-12 hours of subsequent work, he is permanently dismissed from the college on the basis that he is failing to accumulate C credits rapidly enough to assure eventual graduation.

## Senate Seat: A Report to Students

by David Kemp Bodman

Perhaps you have seen their posters in Founders Hall, or read of their meetings in the Newsletter. What is the Student Community Senate? Who is involved in it? What does it do? How can I get in it?

Doug Neill, the President, talked about it last week. The Senate is your voice to the Administration, and your choice as to how you are governed. It has committees which deal with the running of the Bookstore, help with the decisions of Admissions to the college, advice to the cafeteria, and much more.

The officers of the Senate for this year are Doug, Cindy Martin, who is vice president and treasurer, and Crystal Duval as Secretary. Cindy also serves as chairman of the Budget Committee, and Crystal is a member of S.A.C. (Student Affairs Committee) and is chairperson of a Communications Committee.

Other Committees of the Senate are: Bookstore Committee, library committee, Buildings and Grounds, Promotion and Tenure, Evaluation and Development, Recruitment, Curriculum, Educational Policies, Teacher Education Subcommittee, Admissions, Retention and Standards, Student Aid, Athletics Subcommittee, International Students Subcommittee, Off Campus Education, Dana Scholarship Committee, Student Affairs Committee (S.A.C.), Student Services Advisory Committee, and Food Committee. Some of these committees have representatives from the faculty, another has a representative from the Urban Center.

Nominations were made the last meeting of the Senate for positions on these committees these were: Bookstore Comm. Fred McClure.

Library Comm. - Amy McCallister, Jeff Martin; Buildings & Grounds - No Nominations.

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A second readmittance to the college is the prerogative of the Academic Dean.

Any student having questions about any of the above policy changes may consult the Academic Dean, the Assistant Academic Dean, or the Director of Student Services. The Retention Subcommittee is in the process of working out guidelines to be applied to exceptional cases which may arise during the period of transition between the old and the new policies.

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