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Judicial reform waits for Senate approval

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The Judicial Review Task Force submitted to the Community Senate proposed revisions of the current Judicial System last week, culminating a 14-month long project to improve the Judicial System on campus.

The task force's 14-page proposal offered suggestions to improve the "philosophy, workability, and standards for justice and fairness within the system," and presented a summary of their recommendations.

Among the new proposals was a recommendation that Judicial Board members be selected by a Judicial Committee which is chaired by the vice president of the Community Senate. Other committee members would include one senator from each class and the day student Senator. The selection process would consist in an open call for nominations, a formal written application and an interview. The new proposal was an effort to make the judicial board a more representative body on campus. The Board used to be selected by a small number of administrators.

The task force is also propos-

ing a revision of the current appellate process. The Student Affairs Committee, an advisory committee to the dean of students, was removed from the judicial process and a Disciplinary Appeals Board and Academic Appeals Board were created in its place. Also, President Rogers will no longer hear final appeals in judicial and honor cases. All decisions of the two appeals boards will be final.

The Judicial Review group also further defined the grounds for which an appeal can be made by the defendant. This includes violations of due process or procedural irregularity that could be

determined to deny the defendant a fair hearing, new evidence that was not known or brought before the original board at the time of the original hearing, and sanctions that appear grossly out of line with established and recommended sanctions in the Student Handbook.

Other new proposals include abolishing administrative hearings and creating a Residential Hall Cluster Board which would consist of one representative from each residence hall, alternative housing, and off-campus. The cluster board would hear violations of the social and residence hall codes where guilt is admit-

ted and replace many of the functions of an administrative hearing.

The Judicial Board and the Academic Honor Board would also undergo extensive training during the fall in order to insure that the both Boards are trained in the "philosophical, logistical, and practical aspects of the judicial process." Training will be required before any member can adjudicate a case.

Senate will deliberate on the Task Force's proposals Wednesday, April 18. The new revisions must also pass through the Administrative Council and receive final approval by the Board of Trustees.

This year's task force was spearheaded by chairman Scott Huger, a senior sociology major from Virginia Beach, Va., and Dean of Students Nancy Cable-Wells. Over 20 students, faculty, and administrators took part in drafting the final proposal.

Dick Dyer, assistant to the dean of students, "This new system will better work for Guilford College. My sense is that it is a system that is more educational and resolution at the bottom end and more unforgiving and punishing at the top end. By and large, it's a significant improvement."

Guilford NCSL continues success in N.C.

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Guilford's NCSL delegation continues to prove to be one of the premier student groups in North Carolina as they returned from the 54th annual NCSL Session in Raleigh with a slew of awards and appointments, bringing Guilford state-wide recognition among 25 public and private universities and colleges in the state.

"This session was incredibly successful for the Guilford delegation," said Keir Tuckey, leader of this year's group. "We took a position as state wide leaders for the organization."

Among the students receiving recognition were Delegation Chairperson Tuckey who was elected President Pro Tem of the NCSL Senate. Tuckey, a sophomore history and political science major from Carrboro, North Carolina was also appointed as the honorary caretaker of the North Carolina State Constitution by Rufus Edmenson, North Carolina's Secretary of State.

Jennie Southard, a freshman from Williamson, West Virginia received the honor of being appointed the principle clerk of the NCSL House of Representatives. Southard will also be next year's delegation chairperson from Guilford.

Tuckey and Southard's appointments were

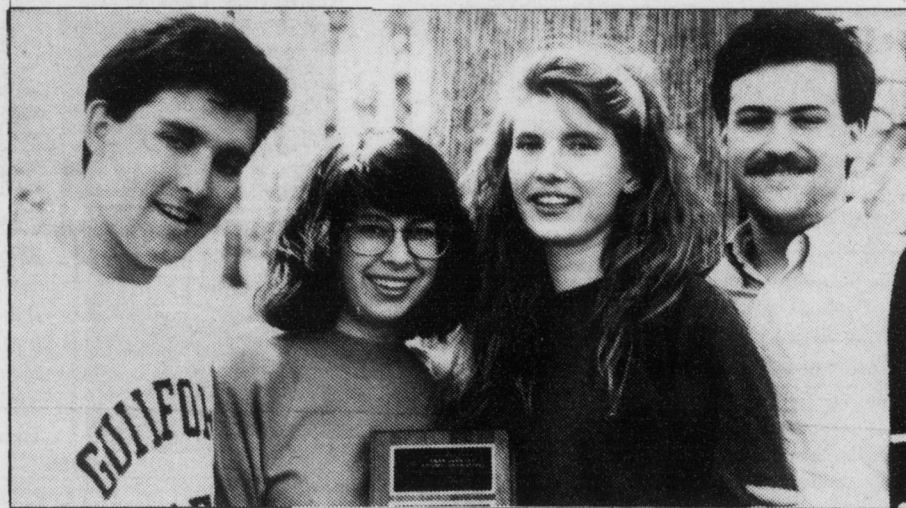


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Officers of the Guilford chapter of NCSL display their award.

the first time Guilford students have served as officers during legislative session.

Eric Reid, a senior political science major from Asheboro was nominated for the prestigious Carlse Award which is given to the senior NCSL member who has contributed the most to the organization throughout his or her career with NCSL.

As a group, the Guilford NCSL delegation had two resolutions nominated for the Best Resolution of the Year award. The group also received the award for the Most Improved Delegation of the Year in NSCL.

The Most Improved Award marks the

3rd major award the Guilford NCSL delegation has received in the five years the group has existed. Guilford's delegation was founded in 1985.

Founded in 1937, NCSL is the oldest active student legislature in the country. Over 5,000 students have participated in NCSL over the years, including former governors of North Carolina Jim Hunt and James Holshouser, Senator Robert Morgan and Charlotte mayor Eddie Knox.

More than 40 percent of NCSL's legislative ideas have been written into North Carolina state law.

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