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Guilford checks out okay

KARI ALBERTSON
news editor

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has reaccredited Guilford. Following an intensive self-study by the school, chaired by Dan Poteet, Provost, the SACS committee reviewed the report, visited the college, and made their suggestions with positive results.

Conducted every ten years by colleges and universities, the reaccreditation process serves as a check of a school's purpose and programs.

"It checks to make sure you have sufficient higher education programs, sufficient resources and people, and to see that you have fulfilled your academic mission and purpose," stated Poteet.

When the SACS visiting team left, they gave an exit report which included their immediate responses and suggestions to the school. In a few months a detailed report will be sent.

Guilford will then have five months to respond to the committee's suggestions, improv-



Dan Poteet, Provost

ing or changing various aspects as outlined by the committee.

Poteet affirmed, "It's routine. It doesn't seem routine, but it is routine. Every college and university goes through it every ten years."

He continued, "They made recommendations for changes, which they should. We expect them to raise some issues to which we have to respond."

In the exit report, the SACS team mentioned concern for the Board of Trustees and the need for a more complete institutional assessment. This means that the outcome expectations for offices, departments and programs need to be compiled into an institution-wide outcome report instead of individual ones.

Also brought up were questions concerning the Accounting Department. According to Poteet, the matter "will be discussed with the Southern Association," because of a difference in the way the committee reviews professors credentials and the way Guilford looks at them.

The Office of Admission, as stated in the Appendix of the self-study, should "set about significant change in virtually all operational areas with the intent of achieving more experienced and stable staff." It should also "involve networks of parents and alumni and other friends" to support the school and its programs.

In addition the Admissions Office should assess the effectiveness of budget allocation and realistically set "higher enrollment targets." Other topics included issues of improving sexual assault protocol, retention, and a review of the judicial system.

Poteet affirmed that this self-study is continual regardless of the ten-year process. He said that following every annual report the school "takes that standard expectation and expands it a little bit."

He went on to say that the school is always "fleshing out its academics and programs and this is why Guilford is in fine shape."

Guilford sciences listed as top notch

Guilford College has been selected by Peterson's Guide as one of approximately 200 colleges and universities in the United States that offers an outstanding undergraduate program in the sciences and mathematics.

Guilford will be included in a new book, *Top Colleges for Science: Leading Programs in the Biological, Chemical, Geological, Mathematical and Physical Sciences*, which will be published in 1996.

Guilford was selected from approximately 1,500 four-year colleges and universities initially identified according to the classifications listed in the 1994 *Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education*.

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