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Faculty voice concerns over curriculum reform

COLIN MCFADDEN-ROAN

In an attempt to speed the process of curriculum reform, the Faculty Curriculum Reform Subcommittee has proposed the elimination of most existing distribution requirements.

The main goal of this is to lower the number of courses a student must take, thus making it easier for students to double major or concentrate in a second field of study.

A double major or concentration would be required along with the primary major for all new students by the Fall Semester of 2000.

In recent years, other schools, like the Ivy League Brown University, have done away with core requirements entirely. Martha Cooley, academic dean, pointed out, "Everybody's talking about the same things we are."

The subcommittee's reasoning for the changes is an attempt to help students become more ready for the current employment market.

As Max Carter asked, "What do the students need to survive in today's world?'

The new system would require "competencies" which could theoretically come from courses in any



Jack Zerbe, Theatre Studies chair, discusses curriculum reform at the Faculty Meeting on Jan. 22.

department, as opposed to the current system in which students gain breadth of education by taking courses in several departments.

Both practices do, in theory, teach students the different ways of thinking (e.g., scientific, historical, cross-cultural).

One side-effect of the new system would be a more intense student advisor relationship. No one could simply enter Guilford and fulfill requirements the first two years, so, students would most likely need added guidance from an advisor.

At the faculty forum on the subject on January 22, there were many professors who found this possible change very exciting but there were also many who raised pointed concerns.

Many professors showed concern not so much about what the requirements were or which ones ought to be kept but justifying for students-and prospective students-what is required of them.

With or without justifications, any system with fewer requirements would make it necessary for professors to put more time into the advising process.

"A process that we have currently abdicated," according to Rex Adelberger, "because we have this creed [the core requirements] which can be checked off."

Adelberger, like many, feels one student and that student's advisor can figure out what course of study is best for that student.

According to Joe Groves, though, "The major problem of moving to an unstructured environment is the student to teacher ratio."

Guilford's current ratio is upwards of 15:1, which with a proposed smaller faculty would present a problem in the advising process; it would be more difficult for any given advisor to make themselves available for the necessarily larger amount of time and still effectively teach all their courses.

SECURITY REPORT

The following are some incidents that have been investigated by Security from January 1st to January 24, 1997.

Larcenies

On Jan. 13, a student reported that her wallet had been stolen from the Bauman building. The wallet is dark blue with a gold ring that attatched the checkbook to the wallet. The wallet contained \$350.00 cash, checks, and a military I.D. card. There are no suspects in this case.

On Jan. 14, a student reported

that his Emerson VCR with remote control, and his Dial page beeper were stolen from his room in Milner. The student discovered the property missing after he returned from Christmas break. Value of the stolen property is \$230.00. This case is still under investigation.

Assaults

On Jan.19, Security investigated an assault that occurred at Bryan Hall. A student was hit over the head with a beer bottle after entering a student's room without permission. Security

transported the injured student to Wesley Long Hospital where he was treated and released. Judicial charges are pending in this case.

On Jan. 19, Security investigated a domestic dispute which resulted in one student's hand being injured. The case has been referred to the Conflict Resolution Center.

Underage Drinking

Security investigated two separate incidents of underage students in the possession of alcoholic beverages. Judicial charges are pending in both cases.

Submitted by Tracy Welch-Mills

COMMUNITY RECORD

vital issues and events in community senate

WALLACE APPROVED AS SPC CHAIR

Tasha Wallace was approved as the new Special Projects Committee chair during Wednesday's meeting. Also, Brady Nemeth resigned as business manager.

VAX NOTES & EMAIL DISTRIBUTION WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED

You can sign on to VAX notes to keep informed about what is going on in Senate. Enter the 'Senate_Information", and type "dir" to see a listing of all topics. To reply, simply type, "rep", and <Control-Z> when finished. Also, email OR call your senator to be added to a distribution list of senate mailings!!

STUDENT FORUM TO BE **HELD TO HEAR CONCERNS**

A student forum will be held on Monday, February 10 at 8:00pm in the cafeteria about the distribution requirements and the curriculum reform. Come voice your opinion, concern, and questions at the forum. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

SENIORS, SENIORS, SENIORS

There will be an important meeting for all seniors today at 3:00pm in Boren Lounge. If you are a senior, you are strongly urged to attend.

MCNEMAR SPEAKS ABOUT **BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROV-**

President Don McNemar spoke briefly to Senate about the changes that will be occurring on the Guilford campus with the approval of \$5 million for safety, structural and enhancement purposes, and \$4 million for Information Services and Technology purposes. Computers in Bauman will be upgraded and dorms will be networked.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS PREVENTION CLASS -By Tracy Welch-Mills

The Security Department is sponsoring a Sexual Assault and Awareness Prevention Class on Saturday, February 8, 1997. The class will be held in Dana Auditorium and is open to all members of the Guilford community. Students, faculty and staff are asked to attend.

The first session of the class begins at 9:00am. Irv Henry, director of Professional Education at Family and Children's Services of Greater Greensboro, will teach the session. She has completed extensive work in family violence and victim services programs.

The second session of the class will begin at 10:30am, and will be taught by Joanne Brindle, technical skills instructor for the Criminal Justice Department at Guilford Technical Community College. She is certified by the state of NC to teach self-defense. This portion of the instruction will be hands-on selfdefense training intended to teach us to protect ourselves against sexual assault.

We invite all members of the community to put on their sweatsuits, tennis shoes, and defensive attitudes and join us for a morning of awareness and instruction. Any questions? Call Tracy at ext. 2913.