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Trustees approve budget, set student charges

Guilford to offer two computer majors



Board of Trustees Vice Chair Charlotte Roberts and Chair Bruce Stewart with President Don McNemar (L-R)

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The Guilford College Board of Trustees concluded their two-day January session last week expressing confidence in three areas: finances, facilities, and faculty.

Referring to Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Phil Manz, and Jim Vroom, who serves as a budgeting and management consultant, trustee chair Bruce Stewart said, "We have tremendous confidence in the new business leadership and the consensus emerging in the budget process."

The board approved the budget for the current year and set student charges for 2001-2002. The rates represent an overall increase of 3.7 percent, or \$830, for a full-time student selecting a double room and full meal plan.

The charges for a single room increased 6.3 percent, or \$680. "We are raising the single room price so that it more accurately reflects the cost of providing that resource," Manz said.

Stewart praised Associate CFO for Facilities John Jenkins for his work in buildings and grounds. "We were thrilled to see the improvements in the dormitories." He added that the board was pleased to see the nearly complete Bryan Auditorium in the Frank Family Science Center and the 23 recently planted trees.

The board awarded tenure to five outstanding teacher-scholars on the Guilford faculty. Faculty members receiving tenure are: Nancy Daukas, philosophy; James Hood, English; Catherine Kannenberg, psychology; Steven Shapiro, physics; and Jill Wiesner, mathematics.

The trustees enjoyed several meetings with students. Senior Mary Johnson sang a song from her CD, *Says the Water*, at the Saturday session. Sixteen trustees bought copies of the CD as a result of her command performance.

On Friday, the board had lunch with students involved in community service groups.

Sophomore Warner Graham, site coordinator for the reading discussion group at the McLeansville Prison, attended the

lunch. He said the trustees showed great interest in the students' work and related their own community service experiences.

"I used to view trustees as just delegating what they thought should be done according to their own opinions," Graham said. "After this meeting, I saw them in a new light. They're pretty cool people -- concerned and involved."

Board of Trustees Profile	
Total	31
Quaker	16
Alumni	16
Female	8
Male	23
African American	3
Caucasian	28

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Guilford College will begin a new era of learning next semester, as two new computer majors, Computer Information Systems and Computer Information Technology, were swiftly approved by the faculty.

Rob Whitnell, director of Information Technology and Services, the person who proposed the majors said, "Students will be able to pursue a stand-alone major in Computer Information Systems that is housed in the Management Department, or an interdisciplinary major in Computing and Information Technology that requires a double major."

The popularity of existing classes in information technology and the results of various surveys of other colleges and Guilford students helped the majors pass easily through the various stages of approval.

There are approximately 200 Guilford students taking computer related classes.

Junior Brian Oplinger said, "These majors are definitely needed. It will make it a lot easier for people who are interested in computers to take the major and courses they want."

The two majors are the latest move by the college in a series involving information technology education that included a revision of the Computing and Information Technology concentration in 1998.

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