

Senate preps for next year

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We now find ourselves at the end of April, another year coming to a close for Guilford. Here at Senate, we are working to tie up all the loose ends from this year and finish any last-issue debates before we all break for the summer. It was an interesting year for Community Senate - one of the most active in a long time. The previous administration often found its plate full of controversy throughout the year.

This rebirth of interest in Community Senate is exciting for the new administration. We look forward to helping the student body, which has been so disconnected from Senate and the administration, reconcile these divides and come up with better ways to communicate. Our Student and Community Concerns Chairman Erik Belmont is already working with Senate Secretary Lili Sharpless to develop better methods of communication between Senate and the student body and increasing the voice of

students in Senate.

At the same time, Tory Mallet and Meisha McDaniel, First-year Liaisons, have already begun work assembling a First-year Committee dedicated to handling first-year issues within Senate and increasing participation by new Guilford students in the government. In the past, some students have been concerned that there is too much apathy among the student body for the government to function representatively. We hope that by adding a dedicated contact point with all incoming first-years and ensuring that they are aware of the functioning of their student government, they will be more interested in the future.

When we return to Guilford in August, Senate will resume its current structure and will continue to hold issue-based discussions. In the past, Senate was dismissed by some as a rubber-stamp appropriations committee. It is our intent to end this perception by holding constant discussions in Senate and ensuring that all points of view on campus are

heard.

Part of this, however, must come from you, the students. We need to know what it is that you want to hear discussed in Senate. We want to know what issues are prevalent around campus and where our attention must be paid. Without your input, we cannot hope to effectively speak on behalf of the student body.

We know it is a stressful time of year here at Guilford, and hope that everyone is studying hard (but not too hard) for their exams. Please feel free to stop any of us when you see us and tell us what you would like to have discussed in Senate. We ask you again to lend us your voice. We hope that you have a great summer, and look forward to serving you again in August. ☼



Cafeteria changes

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the first school in North Carolina to try Friefeld's program, which puts great emphasis on portion sizes and lower-calorie substitutes for common meal items.

"I know if we stick to chicken wings and mac & cheese, students will eat it, so there's a fear of how they'll react," Watts said.

Two specific additions to the cafeteria are a new charbroiling grill in the kitchen, which will cook meat so that it's leaner and healthier, and an information kiosk in the dining area that will have information on nutrition facts, diet ideas, and a body mass index calculator.

There are also plans for a Thursday midnight meal every week. The meal would be very light, but it would be an opportunity for students to get together.

"We're hoping to get poetry slams and bands into the cafeteria," Fetrow said. "We're hoping to use it as a social gathering."

Earlier in the year, Campus Life sent a survey through the

Guilford Buzz to see what students wanted to change in the cafeteria, but very few responded.

"We ask, and we ask, and we ask, and we don't get answers," Fetrow said. "We really do listen, despite what people think."

"We've got 800 kids on the meal plan and only 10 responded," Watts said. "It's like, do they care?"

Regardless of their involvement, some students find the physical renovations of the cafeteria unnecessary.

"It doesn't need to be prettier," said first-year Becky Pittman. "If it's a matter of pipes bursting then yeah, fix it, but if it's a matter of aesthetics, then spend the money on a place for us to live."

"I think at this point we're just looking at an upward curve and people should be patient because so many changes are coming," said sophomore Brittiany Green, a member of the Food Advisory Committee.

"You're not going to see change overnight, but you'll see change, and it'll be good," Milot said. ☼

Summer school

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essential to the summer semester in the fact that a lot of outside programs that use our facilities during the summer depend on the labor that Cadre students provide," Reese said.

A fairly wide range of courses are offered during the summer session, with many classes focusing on a combination of academics and experiential learning. For instance, the English department is offering a course entitled "Reading the Wilderness," taught by Associate Professor of English Jim Hood. Students in this course will focus on wilderness literature for half of the semester, with the other half devoted to a canoeing trip in Canada's north woods.

The Geology department offers another experiential learning-based class entitled "Natural Science Seminar." This class will involve students traveling to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands in order to learn about the unique natural history of the region.

Some students complain that the course selections during past summer semesters have not offered a wide enough range of classes in their fields. "I like the classes that I've taken," said senior English major Dylan Black. "My only complaint is in the selection of classes. Only one or two were offered that counted towards my major."

This summer, the Geology department only offers one class, the Economics department is only offering two courses that count towards the major, and the Health Sciences department is only offering one.

"Out of the three schools at which I've taken summer school classes, Guilford is the best," Black said. "While the classes were never too challenging, they were still very intellectually stimulating. At other



Bill Stevens heads the summer program.

schools, my summer courses were very dull and easy."

"Attending in the summer can accelerate your graduation anywhere from one semester to a full year, depending on how many summers you go," Stevens said. "Summer school classes are smaller, so you can get more attention from your instructors. Finally, you can get credit and still have one or two months of vacation, so it's a win-win situation for the student and the college." ☼

Master Plan

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Before any construction is started, almost all, if not all funding must be accounted for, and all architectural planning must pass rigorous sanity checks. The sanity checks include, but are not limited to: aesthetics, environmental friendliness, ease of access relative to the rest of the campus and compliance with Federal accessibility laws.

Chabotar adamantly supports the preservation of Guilford's natural beauty. The Master Plan was developed with environmental concerns always at the forefront of decision-making.

The preservation of the Lake and Meadows were a particular concern in the construction of the Master Plan.

"It's hard to imagine Guilford without the Meadows," said junior Zane Campbell.

"To so many, they represent a cornerstone of Guilford culture."

The Master Plan accommodates an additional 600 students by 2016, giving it a total enrollment capacity of 3,300 students. First-year Dee Goodin said, "As long as the student-to-professor ratio remains the same as it is now, I'm not opposed to the increase in student enrollment."

Chabotar reiterated the financial rule governing any construction under Guilford's Master Plan in the community meeting: "We must have at least 80 percent of the associated cost in cash and the remaining 20 percent already pledged."

Ultimately, The Master Plan was crafted around the fact that Guilford's financial backbone, at large, consists of tuition and donations. The forthcoming capital campaign will be a major milestone to cross before the Master Plan can be realized. ☼



Kent Chabotar promised that the Master Plan would keep the Meadows intact