

## POLICY

# Senate looks to add consistency with proposed alcohol policy

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of-age students and staff share the cool local beers."

Conversely, the President's Gala offered champagne and wine to alumni and prospective donors during a dinner in the cafeteria. Student representatives who attended were told not to engage in drinking, even if they were over 21.

"It shows a lack of trust," said senior and Community Senate Clerk/President Yahya Alazrak. "It might be appropriate to allow us to drink at events we're invited to."

Both events were catered by Meriwether Godsey, which is in charge of all food services at the school.

"We see inconsistencies and we are querying those inconsistencies," said Alazrak.

Alazrak is working to put in to place a new policy that he sees as a "response to students feeling like the current policy is not consistent."

The proposed policy, introduced to Community Senate on Feb. 1 and passed on Feb. 8, would clearly define whether Meriwether Godsey has the ability to serve alcohol at on-campus events. This would apply to both events for alumni as well as students who are over 21.

Senior Bennett Christian, one of the lead

organizers of Meadow Fed sees a different inequality arising should alcohol be served at student events.

"Because alcohol as we know it is legally limited to 21-year-olds (and over), this would

Fed, as that's not really the focus of the event."

The proposed change does not outline whether drinking will be allowed at certain events or not. The proposal is designed to allow the administration to choose, either

or for no one. However, most are in favor of a consistent policy, one way or the other.

"In all reality, it does not matter to me," said first-year Casey Murdock. "If the new policy allows drinking amongst of-age students at school-sponsored events, or if it does not, that's fine. There just needs to be a consistent rule for everyone."

If the proposal is approved by the administration, allowing 21-year-old students to drink at certain campus events, some see potential problems that could arise.

Director of Student Judicial Affairs Sandy Bowles acknowledges that the student handbook does not allow for openly consuming alcohol on campus. Bowles, who is in favor of the new proposal, notes one main problem would arise should drinking be allowed.

"Drinking at these events would be (in direct violation of) public display," said Bowles. "If we permit drinking in that setting, how would that be any different than a party?"

Since the student handbook does not allow for openly consuming alcohol, Bowles stresses there would also need to be a proposal to change the handbook. To her, consistency in the community is the main goal for this proposal.

With the proposal passed by Senate, it now awaits approval from the administration.



(L to R) Junior **Lia Rosalsky**, senior **Bennett Christian**, and juniors **Ali Krantzler** and **Giovanna Selvaggio**, all ponder the weighty alcohol policy discussion in Senate on Feb. 1.

clearly reinforce the inequalities enforced by the law, in which everyone under 21 can't (drink), and anyone over can," said Christian in an email. "That's just a dynamic that could stand to be avoided at events, such as Meadow

allowing Meriwether Godsey to serve alcohol to all or to none, so long as the policy is consistent.

Students are split on whether they would rather see drinking to be allowed for everyone

## Community Senate Update

### Stuff we did

**PASSED:** Consistent Alcohol Policy Proposal

Bringing back Amendment One conversation, and the increase in Student Activities Fees conversation.

### Stuff we're doing

### Stuff we're gonna do

Taking the Consistent Alcohol Policy Proposal to the administration. Looking at the renovations to Founders next week.

Kid-tested, big brother-approved, send your double-good idea to Senate! senate@guilford.edu. Senate meets in Boren Lounge every Wednesday @ 7 p.m.

### Stuff you wanna see done

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## Board of Trustees will meet to discuss new budget plan

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In less than a week, the Board of Trustees will meet at Guilford College, where it is expected that President and Professor of Political Science Kent Chabotar will unveil the college's worse-case — a phrase used because "worst-case" implies that no scenario could be worse — contingency plan for the coming fiscal year.

Chabotar told The Guilfordian that the need for a "worse-case" plan was motivated by an estimated \$2.9 million budget deficit.

"The 'worse-case' scenario is driven largely but not entirely by the anticipated loss in state-funded financial aid for North Carolina residents," said Chabotar. "We don't have the enrollment data for the next fiscal year until around March, so we cannot yet say whether we'll need to rely on the worse-case scenarios yet."

Should enrollment drop, the college would have to reduce its expenditures by \$1-\$2 million, which could affect student fees, endowment use, use of unrestricted funds, employee positions and compensation and operating budgets.

It is expected that the BOT will approve Chabotar's plan, though details will not be made public until it has been discussed by the college's administration and the BOT panel members.

Attorney Carole Bruce, chair of the BOT Budget Committee, said that she has faith in the budget process's integrity.

"The decisions will be very difficult, but the good thing about an established, disciplined process is that the structure is well-defined and understood so that the most rational decisions can be made in the most difficult circumstances," Bruce said.

Chabotar told The Guilfordian that there were many variables that he and other administrators such as Vice President of Finance Greg Bursavich were examining before presenting their findings to the BOT.

"I believe that if the worse case comes true, we will probably need two years to adjust," said Chabotar. "Even I do not know the details in terms of priorities, positions and expenses. Greg (Bursavich) is now collecting ideas from vice presidents and

others of where they would cut or add revenue if the 'worse case' occurs."

Ben Heide, a senior peace and conflict studies major, told The Guilfordian that the implications of the potential worse-case scenario were disconcerting.

"I think a lot of my anger is directed towards the state legislature, mainly because it hurts the people who need the money the most," said Heide. "As a student, I really hope that the Guilford community is able to step up and help make up some of the lost cash. Otherwise, Guilford may be seriously hurt in the loss of talent caused by cuts."

Elijah DaCosta, a senior biology major, told The Guilfordian that even though the college is facing potential financial hardships, he trusts the college's strategic plan.

"We have a strong long-range plan, and its successful implementation will increase our enrollment and help us to recover from this loss," said DaCosta.

Tim Leisman, a junior peace and conflict studies major, told The Guilfordian that the potential cuts made him realize that Guilford College would have to make sacrifices.

"Cuts should be made in as effective a way as possible, while preserving our core values and staying true to what we are," said Leisman.

However, some, like an adjunct professor who wished to remain anonymous, are not as optimistic as Leisman and DaCosta. The professor told The Guilfordian that losing even a part-time job would be a hardship.

"Right now, my discipline is experiencing a glut of people with Ph.Ds and a growing scarcity of jobs," said the professor. "I would go from being over-educated and under-employed to being over-educated and unemployed."

Until quantitative data is received by the college, there is no way to tell which departments, staff members and/or programs will be affected, if any at all.

Chabotar told The Guilfordian that it is important that the community know that examining worse-case possibilities is not new for the college, and there is a chance the college could do better than projected in the coming fiscal year.

"We have done better than the 'worse-case' scenario for almost every semester we have used it, including Spring 2012," said Chabotar.