

NEWS

Faculty opposes N.C. marriage amendment

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This past Wednesday, the college's faculty became the second Guilford College body to approve a proposal to oppose Amendment One. This comes after Community Senate passed a similar proposal earlier this year. CCE SGA is considering joining Community Senate in their declaration, but have yet to make a decision.

"Happy doesn't begin to express how deeply moved I was," said Associate Professor of Political Science Maria Rosales via email.

"In that moment when I realized the faculty were going to pass the resolution against the amendment, I was mostly thinking that throughout this campaign we've been saying that we aren't going to let them divide us, and ... the faculty's decision today showed that we do have each other's backs," added Rosales.

Associate Professor of Philosophy Lisa McLeod initiated the process.

Associate Professor of English Heather Hayton acknowledged McLeod's work, saying via email, "This is the first time the Guilford faculty have passed such a resolution and (McLeod) was the driving force behind the effort."

"I am thrilled that the Guilford faculty came together to support this resolution," said Hayton. "Our resolution against Amendment One reflects the shared commitment to our core value of equality, especially."

Amendment One is a proposed amendment to the N.C. constitution that would restrict legal recognition of partnerships to marriage between a man and a woman. Legal experts have said that Amendment One would affect partnerships other than same-sex marriages.

The amendment will be on the primary ballot on May 8.

"After years of general institutional support for gay rights, but also subtle marginalization when I attempted to get colleagues to confront homophobia, today's action in our faculty meeting has made me proud to call myself a Guilfordian," said Professor of Theatre Studies and Director of Study Abroad Jack Zerbe via email. "The faculty decided that our core values and mission trump all else. Today we not only talked the talk, we walked the walk."

Check The Guilfordian next week for more coverage on this development.

FEATURES

Creativity springs forth at end-of-year events

SPRING DANCE 2012 SHOWS THAT HARD WORK PAYS OFF IN THE END

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After weeks of tireless preparation, the dance students' hard work finally came to fruition at the 2012 Dance Concert.

Last Friday's performance represented the culmination of dance students' capstone projects. Seven of the nine dances in the show were choreographed by students in the choreography class.

Without an expansive dance program on campus, the spring Dance Concert was a showcase for these talented students.

"We're a weird little niche (on campus), and it's a nice way for us to celebrate that," said junior Grace Chafin, who choreographed her own dance and participated in another.

The Dance Concert featured only forms of modern dance. Modern dance is not as well known as traditional dance, but it is more expressive.

"Modern dance is different from other forms of dance in that it is highly individualized: the choreographers actually create their very own movement vocabulary, and create dances that express their own ideas, experiences and reflections on society

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(Top): Early College student **Sarah Stephens** poses on-stage during the dance performance on Friday, April 6.
(Middle): This entire group worked together to create an original and beautiful dance routine. Seven of the nine dances that were showcased on Friday were choreographed by students. The Dance concert featured only forms of modern dance.
(Bottom Right): **Justin Shreve '11** and junior **Grace Chafin** work together to express themselves through different forms of modern dance that showcase creativity and expression of personal ideas and talents.



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