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FEATURES

Despite low salaries, why do professors stick around?

PROFESSORS ARE THE BACKBONE OF THE INSTITUTION, LEARN WHAT MOTIVATES THEM TO TEACH

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They grade our last-minute typed papers, prepare countless PowerPoint slides and show up to class on time when we are too lazy to even attend. They either deal with our grouchy attitudes at 8:30 a.m. or our continuous yawns during a 6:00 p.m. class. This raises the question, "Why do professors choose to teach at Guilford?"

Even with the amount of time they put into their work, their paychecks hardly reflect it. Members of the budget committee put together a faculty compensation report comparing the salaries of Guilford professors with peer institutions and local neighbors that are comparable to Guilford in size, quality of students and extent of resources.

The average pay for assistant professors at Guilford is \$50,000, while that for associate professors is \$59,000.

Lynchburg College on the other hand offers a salary of \$56,000 for assistant professors and \$63,000 for associate professors. Elon University has a much higher pay scale with \$64,000 for assistant professors and \$72,000 for associate professors.

"Most of the drop (in salaries) was due to enrollment drops and may erode further due to the loss of \$2.5 million or 40 percent drop in state-funded financial aid which has made us divert funds away from other items including salary raises," said President and Professor in Political Science Kent Chabotar.

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NEWS

Mexico Solidarity Network: a unique study abroad experience



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHLOE WEINER

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"I was beat really badly by like four-foot-seven women in dresses," said junior Chloe Weiner.

You would probably never guess that Weiner is talking about her experience studying abroad in Mexico, where she lived and played basketball with autonomous communities around the country.

On Wednesday, March 6, three study abroad students who studied in Mexico with the Mexico Solidarity Network talked about their experiences with this unique program.

Seniors Gabrielle Lahowitch Hallie Dowling-Huppert and junior Chloe Weiner who all participated in the past two years, talked about their experiences with the program.

According to the Mexico Solidarity Network's website, they "created this unique study abroad program in 2005 to introduce students to dynamic new experiments in autonomous, community-based organizing and to build solidarity with Mexico's most important and dynamic social movements."

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(Top): A group of students from the Fall 2012 trip. (Below) Mexico Solidarity Network created a study abroad program in 2005 in order for students to volunteer with autonomous communities.

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