

Admissions office exceeds enrollment expectations

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"I wanted to see different types of people," said sophomore transfer student Jeremy Shaheen. "Each person at this college is different and has something unique about them. That was big for me. I just really like the culture here so far."

According to Strickler, the search didn't simply focus on collecting as many students as possible. Instead, it focused on finding students who would positively contribute to the institution while benefitting from it on an individual level.

"We're Guilford College, with our Guilford sense of place and our Guilford sense of community and the value that we place on diversity," said Strickler. "We (have to) get the right number of bodies, we need to get the right number of folks coming in the door, but we also need to find people who are going to thrive here. Right now, we feel ... we've accomplished both."

Although the Admissions Office had much to do with the success, Strickler emphasized the importance of letting students decide for themselves if Guilford

was a good fit.

"We do not sell any student on Guilford College," Strickler said. "The students essentially convince themselves that Guilford's the right place, and we just facilitate the conversation that allows that to happen."

This was certainly the case for first-year Mo San, who didn't need much convincing when making her college decision.

"Guilford has a good reputation, and it's a writing-intensive school and a small, diverse school," said San. "I'm loving it here so far, and I'm proud that I get to be here."

The Admissions Office's success is obvious, but Strickler believes that the true test of the success is still unknown.

"One of the real challenges is that people look at enrollment as a number — first day they arrive. And enrollment is a combination of that number first day and (students') experiences and their growth and their participation in their community over one, two, three years.

"The real test isn't how many you have walking in first day. The real test is how many you have walking in the first day and



First-year Momo San twirls glow sticks among friends at the concert on Aug. 24 during her first weekend on campus.

then staying to rise and attain degrees."

While the long-term successes can't yet be measured, the Admission Office has started the school year off on a good foot, which Strickler attributes to the

collaborative elbow grease and brainstorming of many.

"This is a community-won effort," said Strickler. "The number of people who have invested their time and energy in helping us this year — faculty,

staff, other students — has been phenomenal. I have been amazed at the willingness of our human resources here to invest their time and energy to assist us. "It makes our job easier. But I would never say our job is easy."

SENATE UPDATE

This Week's Developments

The traditional student body Senate had its first official meeting of the year and started it off by inviting Sandy Bowles, director of judicial affairs, and Aaron Fetrow, dean of students, to discuss the new judicial point system.

Next Week's Plans

Senate is hoping to bring Craig Munhall to discuss Meriwether Godsey's food catering service for students and to field general questions about food on-campus.

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Search Committee seeks Chabotar's successor

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Do you know any educators who are collaborative, smart with money and can communicate effectively with students, faculty and staff?

How about someone who understands and lives by the Guilford core values and embodies all that makes Guilford unique?

If so, tell them that Guilford is hiring.

On June 30, 2014, Guilford's current president, Kent Chabotar, steps down after 12 years of leadership. Before that happens however, a replacement must be found.

The search for the next president ramped up over the summer with the formation of the Presidential Search Committee.

"No one person can meet all the criteria suggested by the Board, faculty and others," trustee and Presidential Search Committee chair Carole Bruce said in an email. "Strong leadership skills to lead the college in the manner of Friends in strategy, academic quality, fund raising, financing and student life are among the core requirements.

"The Search Committee is currently accepting nominations from all members of the Guilford Community."

At this point, the search process is in its infancy.

"The search committee has met once in July," Suzanne Ingram, assistant director of communications and marketing and staff representative for the committee, said in email. "We introduced ourselves and explained our roles at the college. We were presented with the charge to the committee from the board of trustees."

The charge laid out responsibilities and a deadline of Jan. 31, 2014, for when the board expects the search committee's short list of three qualified candidates.

The committee is composed of representative members from among faculty, staff, traditional students, CCE students, current administration, the board of

visitors, alumni and the trustees.

The committee has also received feedback from faculty in the form of the "Faculty Statement on the Next President of Guilford College."

Search committee members expressed that it is early in the process, but they are highly committed to the best outcome of this important search.

"I have been teaching here since 1999," said Jim Hood, professor of English and committee member. "I am an alumna and both my children went here. I want to ensure the future of the college."

Junior Lyes Benarbane voiced similar goals from a traditional student perspective.

"I am very committed to this position (on the search committee)," said Benarbane. "Guilford has nestled itself very deeply where my commitments lie. I think I can leave an important legacy for the next hundred years. It is most important that the undergraduate educational level for traditional students is at the fullest it can be."

Kami Rowan, associate professor of music, offers three goals that most of the committee members would agree with.

"I want a president that can deal with all factions of the college and work well with them," said Rowan. "Someone who will uphold and support the values of Guilford and manage the financial situation."

Next in the process is hiring a search consultant firm, along with writing and approving a leadership statement, which is similar to a job description. The search committee welcomes feedback throughout the whole process.

Rowan is excited about this huge transition in the college's history.

"There's a lot of forward momentum at Guilford right now," said Rowan. "I am really excited about where Guilford is in marketing, technology and where our study abroad is going. The new president can really help keep this momentum going."