

## THE GUILFORDIAN

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4 FRI	5 SAT	6 SUN	7 MON
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## Letter to the Editor: observing APSA forum

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I don't prefer to sit still in a chair. But at the APSA Forum, I sat rapt for more than an hour and a half. I witnessed something I have only rarely seen at Guilford College: hundreds of students, faculty and staff engaged as a community.

There we all were, articulating appreciation and concern, expressing a desire to be included in the difficult work of leading the college through unavoidable change, as we navigate the fiscal challenges we will face if we want this institution to survive. I had plenty to say, but I did something we all could stand to do much more of — I listened. And I did what we should all do at a college. I learned.

Since I arrived at Guilford in 2001, I've witnessed a series of crises and responses that encourage a culture of scarcity and self-protection instead of transparency and creativity. At the forum, I heard the seeds of something different and altogether more forward-thinking, from everyone from our youngest students with the shortest view to wise experts willing to speak out.

Greater fiscal transparency; more student, faculty and alumni involvement in administrative decisions to allocate resources; and more and better data were just a few of the requests to the committee, and, in turn, to all of us.

There were also repeated expressions of sincere gratitude for the committee members' hard work, and I now add mine to the mix. I suspect that the most important accomplishment of the APSA

Committee, and our strongest motivation for gratitude, could be the instigation of passion and stewardship that was palpable in the forum.

From my limited vantage point, the committee's task seems an impossible one. Impossible tasks have become a foundation of our culture at Guilford. Perhaps this was a glimpse into a strange land with a foreign culture, the land of the possible.

We have so much here that is good and so many strengths upon which we can focus and build. But now, after the forum, I am left with questions I don't think the committee is in any position to answer.

Why were academic prioritization and administrative assessment two different undertakings and not part of a single, if difficult, conversation about who we are at our core? And why are these cuts coming before and not in tandem with doing the crucial work of developing a vision and mission shared by every single one of us?

We have one role here, with which all tasks, all allocations, all cuts, and all jobs should prove integral, to provide our students with a transformative liberal arts education. Would we not be well served to take some time to understand and communicate what we are best at, what we can do like no other college, and who we as an educational institution could be in our most inspired and inspiring manifestation?

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