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Change imminent for the CCE program

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With an almost 40 percent decrease in the Center for Continuing Education enrollment over the past three years, a refurbishing of the department may be just what Guilford College needs.

Last semester, the CCE enrolled 200 fewer students than assumed in the worst-case-scenario number agreed on by Guilford faculty. This drop was largely due to cuts in federal and state grants that helped support adult students. State legislative tuition grants, used by many CCE students in the state, were cut, leading to a major increase in tuition for adult students.

"The tuition increased about three percent this year, and over the four years I've been here, I know it's been about a five percent increase," said CCE junior Theresa Gregory. "So yes, we've had a significant increase."

The low enrollment numbers may also be due, in part, to a few issues specific to Guilford College.

At the beginning of this school year, Guilford lacked a recruiter for CCE students and, according to some students, many professors were not willing to plan courses sympathetic towards CCE students, who oftentimes have families or jobs.

"I work 12-hour swing shifts," said Gregory. "But the professors could care less. I don't mean that in a negative way, but when you're registered as a student here, they expect you to (act) as if you're a traditional student on campus."

"We don't have any leniency. I would absolutely like to

see that changed."

According to President Jane Fernandes, students should speak to the appropriate personnel if they are having difficulties.

"The best way is for the students to speak with Martee Holt and the staff," said Fernandes. "We know that adult students have other responsibilities. (We) work very hard to accommodate their needs, and I think if they know about the issues, they'd be happy to improve."

In addition, some CCE students feel alienated by the

"In saying goodbye, I also give thanks to Rita for her many years of service and commitment to Guilford's adult learners," said Holt, assistant dean of CCE.

Roger Kieffer is filling in as interim vice president for enrollment to assist with Serotkin's departure from the CCE and will be working with Holt for this semester. Holt will also be taking primary control of the CCE program this semester and will be guiding the department through any new policies or changes.

"We're going to be moving to having just an online application and the capability of uploading that, which we don't have right now," said Holt, explaining future changes within the CCE program, "We're moving positions around to be more effective as well. We actually have identified three staff (members) who are going to do recruiting full time, which we have not had in the past."

Fernandes and the CCE department plan to build a team to assist in the restructuring of the CCE department. Any other alterations within the CCE are still largely under discussion. However, these changes will likely unfold at

the end of this semester or next year.

"I think that all of us at Guilford College are hoping to see the CCE program become strengthened and would love to see the enrollment stabilized," said Fernandes.

Much of the addressed adjustments will not pertain to the problems involving CCE students being accepted by classmates and teachers being willing to adapt and work with their CCE students' time issues.

How, or if, the school plans to address these issues is yet to be seen.

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largely younger student population.

"The younger people look at me weird," said CCE student Phillip Osta, only two weeks into his first semester. "Some of them act like they've never been around black people before."

Currently, the program faces a host of changes, including the departure of Rita Serotkin, former associate vice president and dean for continuing education. Serotkin is now working on various projects with Fernandes and has plans to retire from the staff entirely in March.

Max Carter set to retire at the end of spring semester

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Max Carter, director of the Friends Center, adjunct professor of religious studies and beloved member of the Guilford community, will be retiring after 25 years at Guilford College.

"Max has been a key person in highlighting and maintaining Guilford's Quaker identity," said Jim Hood, professor of English. "(Life) without Max will very different."

"He has supported students in many ways and has always stood for what's right," said sophomore and president of Community Senate José Oliva.

In honor of Carter's long commitment to Guilford, President Jane Fernandes announced that he would be named the William R. Rogers Director of the Friends Center. Max will be in charge of overseeing the operations the Friends Center conducts, such as Quaker-run events and fundraising. An anonymous donor has contributed \$500,000 to endow Carter's new position as director.

The donation is especially significant as it will enable the continuation of Carter's new position and hopefully serve to protect the Center from economic difficulties.

"The donors wanted to honor Bill (Rogers)," said Carter.

Rogers was Guilford's president from 1980 to 1996.

"Bill was a wonderful president," said Carter. "He started the Quaker leadership scholar program, started the library, sings with the ministry in the Greensboro community, worked for the Friends Center and worked for the board of trustees."

Carter believes that the legacy of Rogers is essential to the continuation of the Friends Center.

"It should guarantee Quaker positions," said Hood. "Having lived experience is really important. As some Friends schools have said, 'Quakerism should be caught not taught.'"

"We haven't been all that successful in hiring really excellent people who are practicing Quakers," Hood added. "I'd like to see more Quaker staff, faculty,



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According to Carter, the number of Quaker faculty members has been decreasing over the years.

"I remember when 15 percent of the Guilford College faculty was Quaker," said Carter. "Now, I can name every Quaker faculty member by building on campus. Is Guilford really a Quaker college?"

A Quaker presence on campus seems to be lacking.

Although Carter will be retiring at the end of this semester, he plans to continue his involvement in Guilford.

"I will still lead the January Term study abroad program to Palestine with my wife, Jane," said Carter. "I'll be teaching part time at Wake Forest. I'll have more time to travel to see grandkids, maybe a little bit of writing if the spirit so leads."

And the directorship he'll be leaving? "It's a wonderful position, and I must be insane to step away from my dream job"

SENATE

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this week's developments

Student Senate spent the meeting discussing ways to address Guilford College's projected budget cuts and their impact on the school. Members split into groups and discussed which organizations they valued within the community. On coming back together, students expressed their concerns and possible solutions to this issue, including raising the student activities fee and reducing the number of scholarships the school distributes. Senate realized that this was not an easy task, but at the conclusion of the discussion held consensus on "keeping Guilford, Guilford," without sacrificing what makes the community special.

next week's plans

Student Senate will be discussing how to advertise to the student body the upcoming Board of Trustees Town Hall meeting. This meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on February 25 in the Carnegie Room.

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