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Guilford Education Dept. rated "average"



DAVID HILDRETH, faculty member in the Education Studies Department, at work in the classroom. The education program at Guilford scored 111 out of a possible 150, which is considered "average" by the state of North Carolina.

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Guilford College's teacher-education program scored 111 out of a possible 150 in a recent report from the state Department of Instruction, but many do not feel the methods used in this evaluation were entirely fair.

As part of Governor Jim

Hunt's effort to improve education, the Excellent Schools Act was passed in 1997. This required all teacher-education programs within the state of North Carolina to submit an annual written report explaining their program's methods, as well as compiling surveys completed by recent graduates of the program.

The surveys asked graduates, their employers, and col-

leagues to reflect on their strengths and weaknesses in areas such as the ability to use technology in the classroom, incorporation of multi-cultural education, classroom management, satisfaction with training received from teacher-education program (graduate), satisfaction with graduate (employer), ability to address diversity in learning styles and to structure and deliver curriculums.

Programs and their graduates also submitted information on various test scores, compliance with state and national accreditation standards, and the program's involvement in the public schools.

However, not all the criteria evaluated were taken into account for the final score. Where Guilford lost points in areas such as technology, it scored above the state average in areas such as multi-cultural education and learning diversities, two areas that were not included in the final tally and

would have added an extra 10 points each.

"It's a matter of what you think is important," said Margaret Borrego, chair of the Education Studies Department.

Faculty member David Hildreth agreed and added, "When you try to quantify like that, you lose a lot of the richness."

Of the nine surveys that Guilford sent out to its graduates, only two were completed. Both Borrego and Hildreth are new to the department. Borrego joined the Guilford faculty last year and Hildreth arrived only last semester. Borrego said that it was difficult for her to encourage graduates, whom she didn't know personally, to submit the surveys. One employer even refused to do the survey based on the principle that it was too harsh an evaluation to place on a new teacher.

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Senate election tickets announced

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Wednesday, Feb. 7 -- The 2001 spring campaign for Senate and Union executive tickets officially kicked off today at the close of the weekly Senate meeting.

Senatorial executive candidates are competing as tickets for control of the student Senate through the 2001-2002 academic year. This year there are two tickets running for Senate, the Holden ticket and the Page ticket.

The Holden ticket includes: Joshua Holden, President
Natia Rostomashvili, vice-president
Michael Henderson, Treasurer
Elizabeth Larson, Secretary

The Page ticket features: Megan Page, President
Chris Babcock, vice-president
Jill Burchell, Treasurer
Tamara Asad, Secretary

This year only one ticket is running for control of Union:

The Leaf ticket includes:

Eric Leaf, President
Nate Finley, vice-president
Ben Thigpen, Treasurer
Amy Bashinsky, Secretary

Brian Dumas, vice-president of Student Senate, announced this year's tickets at Senate's weekly meeting following the opening moment of silence and brief comments from Senate President Cynthia McKay.

Both Senate Presidential candidates expressed hope that the campaign will be issue oriented, particularly in the area of revitalizing and refocusing Senate. "I hope we will focus on restructuring Senate," said Page, noting that many students "have lost faith in the current system."

Both tickets also look forward to what they hope will be a clean campaign. "After the campaign occurs, I don't want anyone to feel alienated," said Holden. "There is a lot of talent on both tickets and I would hate to see it lost."

Dumas is overseeing this year's

campaign rules and election procedures, along with Andrea Dodson, the current Senate secretary.

In the past, the chair of the Senate Special Projects Committee oversaw spring elections, but that changed this year with responsibility shifting to the vice-president. "Since the vice-president already handles fall elections, it makes sense for them to do spring as well," said Dumas.

Dumas recommended that future Senate secretaries likewise assist with spring elections, noting that it is a big job, and that as chair of the Communications Committee, "it makes sense for the secre-

tary to be involved as well."

Tickets for either Senate or Union had to file their petition by Tuesday, February 5 at midnight. Dodson noted that any tickets failing to meet the deadline could still compete on a write-in basis.

Dodson led an information meeting about the campaign rules Tuesday evening in the Senate office. At least one member from each ticket was present.

Senate verified petitions on Wednesday. Candidates must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA in order to run. The campaign then officially began at the close of the Senate meeting around 4:30 in the afternoon.

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