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Surveys show that Guilford students are most satisfied with their academic experience, while they find student life the least satisfying, Kent Chabotar reported when he visited the Community Senate meeting Wednesday night.

Chabotar attended the 6:00 p.m. meeting in the Gallery to take student questions and concerns about the college and a present Guilford's latest initiative to develop a strategic long-range plan. He had made a more extensive presentation on the long-range plan at the faculty meeting earlier that afternoon.

"I thought the questions were tough, I thought the follow up questions were fair," Chabotar said about his impressions on the Senate meeting.

"It has given me some additional food for thought, especially in terms of some specific concerns about the cafeteria I did not know about before."

The college meal plan was the issue that generated the most questions from students, particularly about what is being done to improve the quality of the food, and possible changes to the plan in the works for next year.

Chabotar began by saying that there had been changes made so far in areas such as hours of operation and range of options, though not necessarily



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Community Senate President Naz Urooj, left, welcomes President Kent Chabotar, second from left, to the Senate meeting Wednesday in the Gallery.

all of them good.

"My problem with the cafeteria, sometimes it's too uneven," Chabotar said. "Sometimes, I go in and the meal is not too bad at all. Other times I go in I'm going, huh?"

Chabotar said he felt the problem of food quality did not stem from the food itself so much as the equipment in the cafeteria.

"We've got steamers there that are 40 years old," Chabotar said. He indicated that new steamers had been ordered, but the wrong ones had arrived, so new ones had to be ordered. "That's a screw up which I have to take responsibility for because I am here. They should have been in place way before now."

"Last fall we made some commitments to get them here," Chabotar said. "Now they have been ordered; they will be installed, but they are late." He also said the problems in the cafeteria were multifaceted, citing staff training as another area that needed further attention.

Chabotar, who as an administrator oversaw the college

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