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Entering the Guilford community: A Letter From President of Community Senate

F irst and foremost, I would like to wish a warm welcome to all new students: Traditional, CCE, and Early College alike. I also welcome back returning athletes, Chaos leaders, RAs/HDs, faculty, staff, and all of those students whose Guilford academic careers are already underway.

As a Chaos team leader and president of Community Senate, I had the privilege of being on campus the majority of the summer, preparing for the start of the school year and welcoming new members of our community.

There will be lots of new opportunities and resources on campus in the coming school year, especially within Campus Life and Multi-Cultural Affairs. Some quick highlights would be:

- The introduction of over a half dozen new staff or staff titles

- The pilot year for the Multi-Cultural Leadership Scholarship Program (MLSP);

- Introduction of community-wide Town Hall meetings



- The new student groups and organizations office and meeting space - Recent renovations, etc. I would like to invite everyone to join us in the first Town Hall

meeting on Monday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. in Boren Lounge. Please also come to our annual Student Activities Fair, held the first Friday of classes August 27 starting at 11 a.m.

Look out for new information and updates on the Senate Board in Founders, and I hope to see you all around campus. Best wishes.

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| General Studies | |
| Foreign Languages | |
| Education Studies | |
| English | |
| English | William Johnson |
| Religious Studies | Eric Mortensen |
| English | Cynthia Nearman |
| Sport Studies | Suzanne Newton |
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President Chabotar's letter to the students

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b) Second, there may also be a student protest at a trustee meeting about some issue that a few students choose to bring to the trustees rather than to the administration or faculty. Bad idea. The college by-laws provide that, although we are a very participatory and consensus-driven place, the president makes most decisions outside of the curriculum and classroom. In fact, except for the evaluation of their own performance and my own, the trustees themselves have decided only to act "on the recommendation of the president." And, rather than starting with me, check in first with the faculty member or administrator with whom you have the concern. Consider me like a court of appeals to be used only as a last resort.

c) Third, in a typical year, the college may be compelled to suspend or dismiss students and terminate the employment of staff for various reasons. It is one of the most regrettable and serious actions that we can take. From time to time, there will be an outcry about the person being "railroaded," "treated unfairly" or "a victim of discrimination." The person and his or her friends may be quite vocal on the attack and the college will be silent. That may be bad for public relations and community understanding but that is the law and college policy. We cannot comment publicly on student judicial cases and we never comment on employee personnel matters. It gets frustrating when you are accused of various "high crimes and misdemeanors" and can say nothing in your own defense.

Your president (who also teaches a public policy and administration class in the spring semester) is hoping you will have a wonderful year. You are amidst what may well be the best years of your lives. Whether this is your first year at Guilford, or your last, the time goes by way too quickly. Work hard but take time to play and just hang out with friends and family. Take it from this middle aged "dude," some of your greatest memories will be spirited discussions in your residence hall room or cafeteria, an intercollegiate or

intramural game that was hard fought and fairly won, a classroom lecture and debate that opened you to new ways of thinking and knowing and just walking around campus contemplating what an adventure life is. Be well and do good.

Sincerely, Kent John Chabotar President Professor of Political Science

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