

## Budgetary crisis looms, enrollment numbers uncertain

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of the cuts involves the revenue generated from enrollment. Revenues and enrollments of traditional, CCE and summer school have plummeted in recent years.

In Fall 2010, the total number of traditional students was 1,416 while CCE students totaled 1,316.

Three years later, the number of traditional students hovered near 1,200 and CCE students were a meager 940.

The worse-case budget anticipates 409 new traditional students and 259 new CCE students enrolling in the fall and 234 new CCE students enrolling in the spring.

To achieve the better-case scenario, the college needs to recruit and retain 1,400 traditional students and 1,300 CCE students to be enrolled over the next three years according to a PowerPoint presentation given by the Budget Committee.

This amounts to 460 new incoming traditional students in the fall and spring of 2014-15 and 810 new incoming CCE students for each of the next three years.

For the budget to be the middle case,

traditional students must number 1,238 and CCE must reach 940.

For the worse case 1,179 traditional students and 865 CCE students must be enrolled in Fall 2014.

Darryl Samsell, associate business professor and chair of the budget committee, says that in the grand scheme of things, the college is safe from overall harm.

"Even though student counts are down from the recent past, the budget process, especially in managing costs, has resulted in a financially secure college," said Samsell. "We are in no danger of losing accreditation for financial reasons. Our endowment has grown."

Chabotar says that finding a solution is a matter of strategically planning and preparing for any possible situation.

"We will not know our first-year enrollment for next year until at least February, and in some cases, much later," Chabotar said. "It is too early to tell."

Prematurely or not, Julie Burke, assistant professor of education studies, said that another dent in the college's budget would affect the quality of education and the resources given to professors.

"Our students will have limits with the types of supervision and support we are able to provide in the field because we may have less funds to pay for travel to the schools to observe interns and student teachers," Burke said.

Ben Marlin, associate professor and chair of mathematics, believes cutting the budget will weaken departments campus-wide.

"I've been told that (the math department) cannot keep our temporary half-time position that we had this year," Marlin said. "In the past few years, we lost two full-time tenure-track positions, got one full-time temporary position, (then) had it reduced to half-time."

According to Rita Serotkin, associate vice president and dean of CCE, there is no silver bullet that will solve the budget issues.

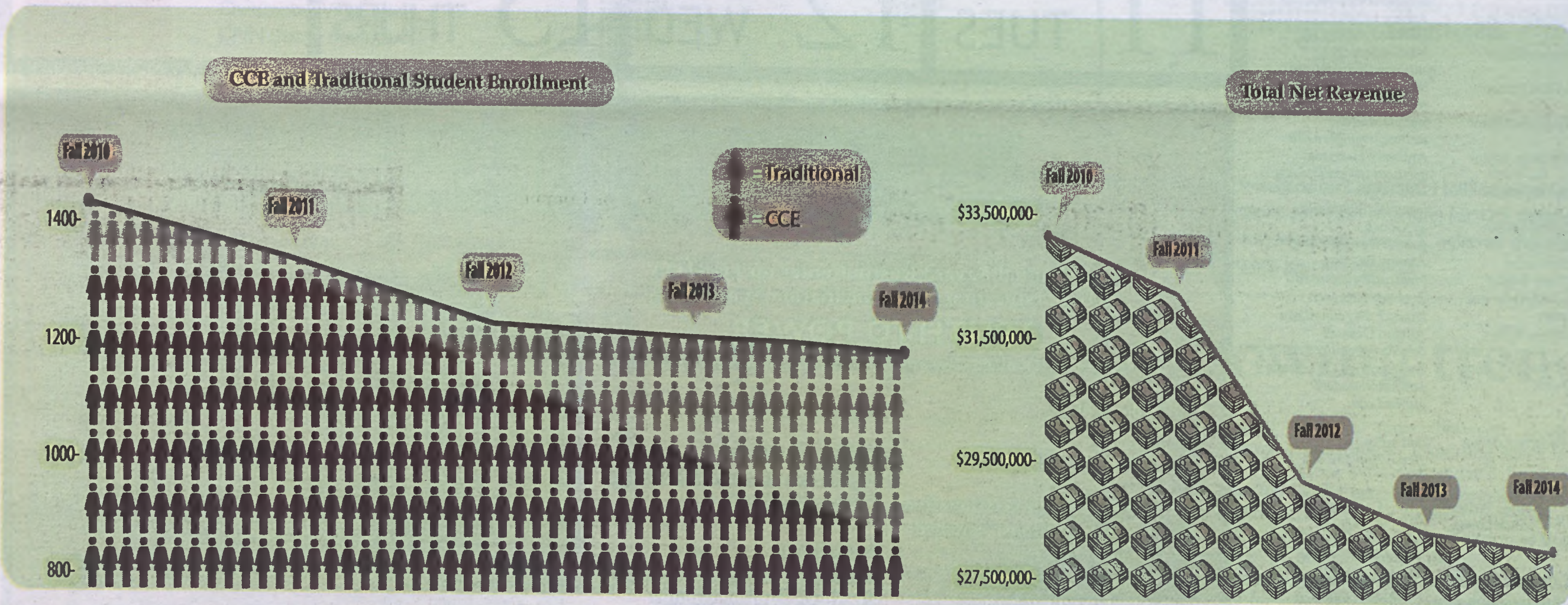
"We all need to put our heads and hands together to come up with creative ideas, strategies and projects that will better convey the college's image, strengths and uniqueness," said Serotkin. "There is work to be done for and by everyone — students, faculty, staff, administrators and trustees."

### Final decisions on APSA recommendations announced

On January 31, a memorandum written by President and Professor of Political Science Kent Chabotar was published via the Guilford Beacon detailing his decisions on the final terms of the Administrative Program and Services Assessment. Major changes from the initial draft include:

- staffing of Career Development center no longer recommended for cuts
- position of ombudsperson retained
- no major changes to the status of the CCE program planned for the immediate future
- three positions in the Advancement Office will be gradually reduced

See next week's issue for detailed coverage of the APSA updates.



## Matthews awarded Public Safety Officer of the Year

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This past December Guilford College honored Public Safety Supervisor John Matthews' hard work and consistent dedication to the community by awarding him Public Safety Officer of the Year.

"John Matthews is a great officer and great guy," said Director of Public Safety Ron Stowe. "He has really good experience that he brings to Guilford."

Matthews has been a member of the Guilford Public Safety staff for five years and has earned himself a well-respected reputation from

both students and fellow Public Safety officers.

"He definitely takes his job seriously," said sophomore Danny Hulburt. "He sympathizes with the students and has their best interest at heart."

In addition to carrying out his required officer duties, he is also approachable and easy to talk to, providing students and faculty with a supportive and welcoming presence on campus.

"John is very good at what he does," said Public Safety Officer Steve Armstrong. "He taught me a lot of what I know now. He's one of

the few that can handle anything that comes up by himself. He knows how and what to do in any situation that I've seen (develop)."

Like in the case of other officers that have won the award before him, Matthews' dependability and commitment to the community is obvious.

"He's a very good supervisor," said Public Safety Officer David Gauldin, a previous award winner. "You can call him at any time. He's good to work with and fun to kid with, but when it's time to get down to business, it's strictly business."

Matthews, who currently works the 3-11 p.m. shift Wednesday through Sunday, is a natural at his job. Before coming to Guilford, he worked 20 years for the High Point Police Department as a park ranger.

Matthews' around-the-clock devotion and passion for his work will not tire after achieving this award.

"My goal is to make sure people feel safe more than anything else," said Matthews. "I talk to people and treat them with respect because I want to treat people the way I would want to be treated."



Officer of the Year John Matthews has been in Public Safety for five years.

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