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At last, students and trustees talk face to face



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These signs were put up by students attempting to raise awareness about the poor state of faculty salaries and a desire to eliminate administrative bloat

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Students and faculty sat eagerly, filling the Joseph M. Bryan Jr. Auditorium on Feb. 20. The board of trustees faced the crowd, waiting to see those that its decisions affect every day.

This was Guilford College's first "Town Hall Meeting," where students were introduced to the trustees, putting faces to an entity otherwise known as "the Board." The meeting intended to open the door for dialogue between trustees and students and to discuss issues the College faces.

Senior and Student Senate President Samir Hazboun and CCE Student Government Association President Sarah Dreier-Kasik both had integral roles in putting this together.

"(We wanted to) involve the student population in an effort to show them how things work," said Dreier-Kasik.

The meeting opened with remarks from Vice Chair of the Student Affairs Committee Esther Hall, the moderator

for the event.

"This is an opportunity to bridge the gap," said Hall. "We have the responsibility to chart the institution's course."

Before the meeting, Student Senate and CCE SGA Senate solicited questions from community members. Hall then selected a few of those questions to ask the trustees.

During the meeting, students wrote questions on note cards, which were later collected. A few of those questions, also selected by Hall, were asked during the meeting.

Trustees answered questions about diversity, the relationship between the board and students and the ever-secretive presidential search.

"We have over 90 applications," said Head of the Presidential Search and Finance Committee Chairperson Carole Bruce of the search. "Our committee will meet within the next few days to elect approximately 10 of those candidates ... from those interviews, we will select

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