

Bursavich announces retirement

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE PLANS TO STEP DOWN THIS YEAR

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Guilford College's Vice President for Finance Greg Bursavich has made public his plans to retire on June 30.

After his four years here, Bursavich has not only impacted Guilford but claims he has been deeply impacted by the College.

"I was looking for something special, a place to wind down my career, a place that I had never really experienced, and Guilford was that place," said Bursavich.

And Guilford was a good fit for him, according to his co-workers.

"He is very friendly and honest," said Student Financial Services Counselor Vanessa Reese. "He has an open door policy. So, if you ever have questions, he always lets you into his office."

Reese isn't the only one who says she will miss Bursavich

around campus.

"He is very professional but also approachable," said Campus Visit Facilitator Sheila Siler. "He has a very positive presence."

Looking back on his time at Guilford, Bursavich hopes that he made a difference in students' lives.

"I am glad I came to 66 (years) and felt like I was doing something that mattered," said Bursavich. "I'd like to believe that I really helped students."

Bursavich's hard work has not gone unnoticed.

"He has always been very on top of the changes in our office," said Reese.

Working in the finance department, however, is not always a walk in the park.

"We did what we had to do when budgets were cut," said Bursavich. "It was not pleasant, it was not fun, and it was very difficult to do. But, it was necessary."

Guilford's Administrative Program and Services Assessment was in high gear with Bursavich as one of the APSA committee members.

"There were eight to 10 of us

working together to make the administrative processes work better," said Bursavich. "It was very difficult, but every member worked hard with great honesty and integrity."

Since the effects of APSA would touch the Guilford community so directly and deeply, the committee's feat was not an easy one.

"Not only was APSA difficult and controversial, it was also very time-consuming for over two years," said Bursavich. "It was very stressful dealing with those issues."

Regardless of the many pressures and difficulties, Bursavich praises the APSA committee's dedication and hard work.

"I would ask that the community appreciate and honor APSA for its huge efforts over the years," said Bursavich. "I just hope that the people and community recognize APSA for its service."

As for Bursavich's plans for post-Guilford life, music is in the air.

"One reason I am leaving is to spend a lot of time with my wife, kids and now grandkids," said Bursavich. "Also, I'd like to learn how to play the guitar."

SENATE UPDATE

this week's developments

The talk on accessibility was postponed as Meagan was ill. Students discussed the upcoming open presidential interview sessions (April 1, 2 and 3 from 11:00-11:40am in the East Gallery) and came up with some questions to ask candidates.

this week's plans

Georgie and Meagan will be coming in to talk about accessibility. From there we will transition into a general discussion about how students can foster a stronger sense of community togetherness.

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Greg Bursavich, vice president for finance

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Kent Chabotar.

Chabotar said that he is not involved with the candidates' visit but believes that the Board has used appropriate practices for seeking and interviewing the candidates.

The 15-member presidential search committee, chaired by trustee Carole Bruce, began its work last summer, assisted by the Witt/Kieffer executive search firm.

Bruce told The Guilfordian that the search committee is pleased that the candidates are in a position to meet with Guilford students, staff and faculty in open meetings as well as alumni and Greensboro community leaders.

"All of those who meet with the candidates will have an opportunity to share feedback with the trustees through Survey Monkey — technology supported by our search consultant Witt/Kieffer," Bruce said.

On March 12 and 13, the committee interviewed 10 semifinalist candidates, from which the finalists were selected. None of these were candidates already employed by the College.

Jim Hood, professor of English, and Aaron Fetrow, vice president and dean of student affairs, were not selected as finalists.

Fetrow said that upon hearing that the interview process was to be open, he was thrilled.

"I would certainly expect community forums of some sort for the candidates," said Fetrow. "Students should absolutely attend and ask big-picture questions about the future of our institution and avoid focusing on narrow topics."

"I think students should also ask questions that help us all understand how each candidate sees their role in the day-to-day community life of our campus."

Buckner indicated this process is an exciting new chapter for Guilford and is in line with the College's core values.

"The open interviews were desired by many on campus who value Guilford's commitment to transparent decision making," said Buckner. "It's encouraging that the next president of the College will have engaged with a broad range of Guilford people during the interview process, as was the case when Kent Chabotar was hired in 2002."

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Monday 3/31

TWIN DAY
MOONPIES & MUSIC, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
Joseph M. Bryan Jr. Plaza

Tuesday 4/1

HAT DAY
COMEDIAN HYPNOTIST DAN LORNITIS, 9 - 10 p.m.
Joseph M. Bryan Jr. Auditorium

Wednesday 4/2

HOMETOWN DAY
COMMUNITY CRAFT WITH CAB AND OSLE, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Founders Lawn and Patio

Thursday 4/3

GUILFORD DAY
MEADOWFED w/ Sons of Carolina, Whiskey Fingers & James+Heather
5 - 7:30 p.m. at Guilford College Farm

ZOOLANDER QUOTE-A-LONG, 8:30 p.m.
Milner/Bryan Hall Lawn (Rain plan in Joseph M. Bryan Jr. Auditorium)

Friday 4/4

NEON DAY
HOLI FESTIVAL, 6 p.m. at lawn by the lake
CONCERTS, doors open at 7 p.m. at alumni gym
Push/Pull, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
MitiS, 9:15 - 10:45 p.m.
Killer Mike, 11:10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Saturday 4/5

TIE-DYE DAY
YOGA, 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at lawn by the lake
LAKEFEST 2014: GAMES, ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS
with music by Manna Frost Trio, Quilla, Mystical Space Typhoon, Mr. Daywalker and more
1 - 6 p.m. at lawn by the lake (rain plan in alumni gym)
BLUE ROOTS EXPERIMENT, 7 - 7:50 p.m.
WOWSER BOWSER, 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
TBA, 9:15 - 11 p.m.
AFTER PARTY + FREE PIZZA, featuring Oko Yono, Space Race and DJ WAVY
11 p.m. - 1 a.m. at the Community Center