Emeritus Status for Guilford College Presidents

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**Presidents with Emeritus designation**

L.L. Hobbs, 1888-1915 – the Emeritus designation is unclear

* No mention of Emeritus status was found for L. L. Hobbs in the Guilford College Board of Trustee Minutes between 5/27/1913 and 2/28/16.
* From meeting minutes for the January 19, 1915, meeting, p. 513-514: The Board decided to tender a proposition to Thomas Newlin to become President of Guilford college…”
* Meeting minutes for August 5, 1915, p. 526: “A paper making application to Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Learning for a retiring pension for Dr. L.L. Hobbs was read and by motion adopted and the President and Secretary were directed to sign and forward to the proper authorities.”
* The 1919-1920 college catalog, p. 6, lists L. L. Hobbs as “President Emeritus, since 1915.”

Raymond Binford, 1918-1934

* Guilford College Board of Trustees Minutes, July 12, 1934, p. 204 at top of page: “At the close of the discussion, R.L. Hollowell moved the retirement of Dr. Raymond Binford as President of Guilford College and his election as President Emeritus of the College.”

Clyde Milner – 1934-1965

* Guilford College Board of Trustees Minutes, April 9, 1965, p.3, bottom paragraph: “Upon motion of J. Paul Reynolds, seconded by C. Gurney Robertson, President Milner’s letter of resignation heretofore tendered Robert H. Frazier, was accepted subject to completing arrangements with Grimsley Hobbs to become President, said letter to be entered upon the minutes and President Milner declared President Emeritus upon the acceptance of Grimsley Hobbs.”

Bill Rogers – 1980-1996

* Guilford College Board of Trustees announcement of Bill Rogers’ retirement, p.1: Upon retirement, Rogers will become president emeritus at Guilford and will resume his faculty appointment in the departments of religious studies and psychology.” (FHC vertical file folder)

**Presidents without Emeritus designation:**

Thomas Newlin, 1915-1917

* Guilford College Board of Trustee Minutes, June 9, 1917, p.605: “Circumstances have come about now so that I feel it would relieve you as a Board for me to resign and I hereby tender to you my resignation as President of the college and thereby my responsibility closes with its acceptance.”
* Guilford College Board of Trustee Minutes, June 9, 1917, p. 608: “On Motion of J. Van Lindley the resignation of Dr. Thomas Newlin as President of the college was accepted to take affect [sic] on Sept. 1st or earlier if desired by either Dr. Newlin or the Board of Trustees.”
* There is no other mention of Thomas Newlin in trustee minutes through Ma4ch 4, 1918.

Grimsley Hobbs, 1965-1980

* Guilford College Board of Trustees Minutes, February 24, 1979, p. 4: Refer to minutes for wording of several paragraphs detailing the recommendations of the executive committee about Grimsley Hobbs’ resignation and his return to the college after a sabbatical of one year. There is no mention of emeritus status.

Don McNemar, 1996-2002

* Guilford College Board of Trustee Minutes, Sept. 22, 2001, p.11 contain Presidential search procedures
* Guilford College Board of Trustee Minutes, May 10, 2002 contain a Yearly Meeting minute of appreciation for Don and Britta McNemar
* There are no other details in Trustee minutes about Don’s resignation between Sept. 2, 2001 and May 10, 2002.

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