

In the Student Senate

S.B. 20-2.1

February 13th, 2020

A BILL TO ALLOCATE RESERVE FUNDS TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIZED LATE NIGHT RIDES TO THE STUDENT BODY

WHEREAS: The Elon Volunteers Saferides program offered free late night rides to all students on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights;

WHEREAS: Saferides ceased operations in the Fall of 2019 due to decreased ridership and volunteers;

WHEREAS: The Student Government Association understands the importance of combating driving under the influence;

WHEREAS: Ride-sharing companies have supplanted much of the demand formerly directed to Saferides according to Saferides leadership and ride data;

WHEREAS: The Elon University Student Government Association has the opportunity to allocate reserve fund savings to areas of student interest and benefit to the community;

WHEREAS: This undertaking will require the collaboration of the Elon Volunteers team;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ARTICLE I: The Elon University Student Government Association shall authorize \$60,000 from its Reserve Fund for the creation of a pilot subsidized ride sharing program available to all Elon students in partnership with Uber. These funds may be used to pay for the discounts and other administrative costs required.

ARTICLE II: Funds allocated to the former Saferides which currently at approximately \$12,000 will be reappropriated to this program.

ARTICLE III: Ride discounts will start at 50% with a cap of \$3.50 per ride with changes possible at the discretion of the SGA Executive Board and in coordination with the SGA Advisor.

ARTICLE IV: Rides eligible for this discount must originate and conclude geographically close to our main campus. The rides must start between 9:00 pm on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday nights and end by 3:00 am the following day. The specific times discounted rides are offered may be amended by the SGA Executive Board to better respond to demand.

ARTICLE V: Phase one of this pilot program will offer 2 rides per student starting on the Thursday after Spring Break 2020 and concluding at the end of the academic year. Phase two of this pilot program will offer 3 rides per student and encompass the fall semester of 2020. The specific number of rides offered may be amended by the SGA Executive Board to better respond to demand.

ARTICLE VI: This program's implementation will be contingent on approval from all necessary Elon University administrators, agents, and committees.

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