

In the Student Senate

S.B. 20-2.3

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A BILL TO ALLOCATE RESERVE FUNDS TO PROVIDE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OERs) TO THE STUDENT BODY

WHEREAS: The Elon University Student Government Association seeks to promote school spirit and initiatives that improve life on campus;

WHEREAS: Open educational resources (OERs) are any type of educational material, presented in any medium, that are openly licensed and free for all to use;

WHEREAS: OERs do not require access codes, and students have perpetual access to the content, and;

WHEREAS: OERs are socially responsible by being available to all, providing research to the widest possible audience;

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

WHEREAS: Such an undertaking must also require the collaboration of various committees, departments, faculty and staff on campus;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ARTICLE I: The Elon University Student Government Association shall task the Academic Technology Committee (ATC) with the responsibility for employing a total of \$50,000.00 from SGA's reserve funds towards incentivising faculty innovation to incorporate open educational resources (OERs) into Elon courses.

ARTICLE II: The ATC shall be responsible for awarding grants to approved initiatives, monitoring initiative progress, and managing its total allocation over a four-year period ending on May 31st, 2024. The ATC shall use its existing procedures for decision-making. A simple majority of the committee shall be required in order to approve funding. The ATC may use the working group for open educational resources as a sub-committee for help in supporting faculty seeking to incorporate OERs into their curriculum.

ARTICLE III: The ATC will ensure that all funded projects have a goal of lessening the financial burden of students, faculty, and departments. The goals of the allocation to the ATC are to support high-impact areas with a focus on providing OERs for introductory courses and courses taken by significant numbers of students. Similarly, the provisions of OERs for courses and fields with more expensive textbooks and learning materials, such as STEM field courses, shall be encouraged.

ARTICLE IV: It shall be the responsibility of the Executive President and Executive Vice President of the Student Government Association to help ensure the success of the committee's responsibilities over the designated time period and shall request updates on a semesterly basis.

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