

In the Student Senate  
S.B. 21-3.1  
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A BILL TO ALLOCATE RESERVE FUNDS TO A TARGETED GENDER BASED VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION PILOT FOR THE STUDENT BODY

WHEREAS: The Rape And Incest National Network indicates that among undergraduate students, 26.4% of females and 6.8% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation, and;

WHEREAS: Elon's Office of the Title IX Coordinator has seen an increase in reports of intimate partner violence and stalking on Elon's campus in the past three years, and;

WHEREAS: Elon's confidential advocate with the Office of Inclusive Excellence regularly receives reports involving sexual contact that start out consensual, but consent is retracted when one partner proceeds with a form of sexual contact that was not consented to, which shows a general misunderstanding of consent, and;

WHEREAS: Elon's confidential advocate with the Office of Inclusive Excellence has conducted multiple training sessions in which students express confusion and concern about how to ask for and understand if consent is received and/or retracted while intoxicated, and;

WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirm the plethora of factors that may increase or decrease the risk for perpetrating and/or experiencing sexual violence. To prevent sexual violence, we must understand and address the unique situational gender-based violence risk and protective factors in various on-campus organizations, teams, and entities, and;

WHEREAS: Gender-based violence prevention programming will provide the training and education necessary to generate a better understanding of the risk factors in targeted campus groups, and provide them with the tools to replace those risk factors with protective factor promotion, and;

WHEREAS: This project proposes a pilot that targets the risk factors (lack of nonviolent social problem solving skills, witnessing violence, association with delinquent peers, social isolation/lack of social support, community violence, harmful norms around masculinity/femininity, cultural norms that support aggression toward others, and weak policies against gender-based violence), and promotes the protective factors: skills in solving problems non-violently, association with prosocial peers, connecting to a caring adult, community support & connectedness, and;

WHEREAS: The parties propose an allocation of \$18,000 for 180 hours of combined work for stakeholder engagement, program design, outreach, delivery, evaluation, and reporting, as well as \$1,000 for incentivization for program participation, and;

WHEREAS: A successful pilot program would: produce data driven solutions and recommendations for future programming at Elon University, include participation from about 20% of total members from a single student organization or team, recruited via that entity's accountability body (faculty/staff advisor, student executive board, etc.), and *aim for* representation mirroring the class year breakdown, and;

WHEREAS: The proposed pilot program fits into the Boldy Elon Strategic Plan's goal of furthering Elon's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Gender-based violence prevention inherently functions as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work, given its root causes in systems of oppression that Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work aims to dismantle. As such, gender-based violence prevention requires Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion-driven strategies, to dismantle its oppression-based root causes. It also furthers Boldy Elon's goal of relationship-driven learning and enhancing our reputation in the higher education sector, and;

WHEREAS: The Elon University Student Government Association has the opportunity to allocate reserve fund savings to areas of student public safety needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ARTICLE I: The Elon University Student Government Association shall authorize \$19,000 from its Reserve Fund for the creation of the Violence Prevention Pilot Program for Elon students. These funds may be used to pay for consultant services in the creation and implementation of the pilot program and other programmatic and operational costs required.

ARTICLE II: A formal report on pilot evaluation results, with accompanying evidence-based policy and practice recommendations will be presented to the Elon Student Government Association and relevant Elon University administration.

ARTICLE III: The funding of this program is for the 2021 spring and fall semesters.

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

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Sponsor: Hailey Jurgens

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Seconded By: Jack Corby

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Vote: Aye    Nay    Abstain

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Speaker of the Senate: Jonathan Stettler

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Secretary of the Senate: Sydney Hallisey

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