

**In the Student Senate**  
**S.B. 21 – 4.1**  
**April 29th, 2021**

**A BILL REGARDING CARBON OFFSETS FOR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE-FUNDED TRAVEL**

**WHEREAS:** The Boldly Elon Strategic Plan includes a goal of carbon neutrality for the University by 2037, and;

**WHEREAS:** The Elon University Student Government Association funds travel for student organizations through Student Activity Fees, and;

**WHEREAS:** The Elon University Student Government Association aims to align its initiatives with the University's Boldly Elon Strategic Plan, specifically regarding carbon neutrality, and;

**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, therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF ELON UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**ARTICLE I:** The Elon University Student Government Association shall authorize up to \$20,000 from its Reserve Fund to be allocated toward a two-year pilot program to purchase carbon offsets based on the emissions generated by Student Activity Fee-funded travel.

**ARTICLE II:** The Elon University Student Government Association will catalog travel funded by Student Activity Fees and provide a bi-annual inventory to the Office of Sustainability in order to calculate carbon emissions on a fiscal year basis.

**ARTICLE III:** Transfer payments for carbon offsets will be made from the allocation to the Office of Sustainability annually encompassing the fiscal year's travel. Data check points will be shared with the Office of Sustainability no less than once a semester in order to build a carbon inventory footprint and estimate future emissions.

**ARTICLE IV:** This pilot program will be in effect for two years. The process and allocation shall be evaluated upon the conclusion of the pilot program to ensure its utility and commitment to Elon University's carbon neutrality.

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