

**In the Student Senate  
S.R. 21 – 10.1  
October 21, 2021**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF THE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT  
FORUM EVENT**

**WHEREAS:** The SGA Director of Civic Engagement strives to work with various groups to develop opportunities across campus, engaging students in a wide range of civil discourse and dialogue, and;

**WHEREAS:** The “Civic Engagement Forum Event” is a proposed event by the SGA Director of Civic Engagement that would host (an) public official(s) at the state or national level to visit Elon University as a representative to speak on a wide range of issues to be structured by a non-partisan joint committee, and;

**WHEREAS:** The proposed event has formally received the support of Elon College Democrats, Elon College Republicans, the Kernodle Center Political Engagement Work Group, and the Council on Civic Engagement, North Carolina Student Legislature, and North Carolina Campus Compact, and;

**WHEREAS:** The Council on Civic Engagement will serve as the overseeing body of the event; the composition of the committee will consist of membership from each of the those organizations who have formally supported the event, and;

**WHEREAS:** The speaker(s) for such an event will be nominated by the SGA Director of Civic Engagement & Service in consultation and collaboration with Elon College Democrats and Elon College Republicans. The nomination will then be communicated to the committee members, with the Council on Civic Engagement having final approval, and;

**WHEREAS:** This would establish a formal speaking event devoted to having state or nationally elected officials coming to Elon University for the purpose of civic engagement, and;

**WHEREAS:** The Student Government Association along with Elon University are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit and Per the IRS, “under the Internal Revenue Code, all section 501(c)(3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office,” and;

**WHEREAS:** This event is in no way sponsoring, funding, or engaging in election advocacy or opposition for the elected official, therefore;

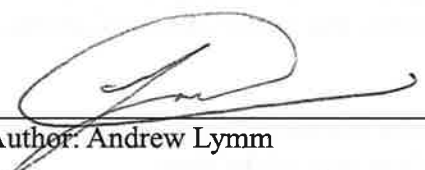
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF ELON UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**ARTICLE I:** SGA supports the establishment and coordination of a pilot program temporarily titled the "Civic Engagement Forum Event."

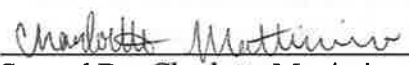
**ARTICLE II:** SGA will support the non-partisan event, supporting the civic engagement groups (College Democrats, College Republicans, the Kernodle Center Political Engagement Work Group, The Council on Civic Engagement, North Carolina Student Legislature, and North Carolina Campus Compact).

**ARTICLE III:** SGA's declaration of support for this event does not imply an endorsement or opposition to any speaker hosted by the Civic Engagement Forum Event.

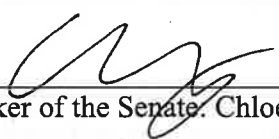
**ARTICLE IV :** SGA reaffirms its commitment to civic engagement for students and maintains its commitment to being a non-partisan body; support of this resolution shall further demonstrate SGA's commitment to civic engagement and dialogue as representatives of the student body.

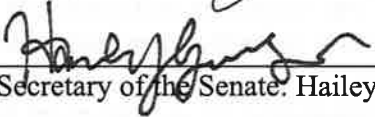
  
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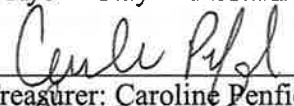
  
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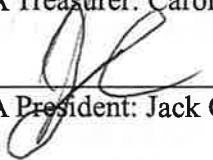
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Secretary of the Senate: Hailey Jurgens

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Vote: Aye    Nay    Abstain

  
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SGA Treasurer: Caroline Penfield

  
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SGA President: Jack Corby