

In the Student Senate
S.B. 24 – 4.1
April 4, 2024

A BILL REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NARCAN PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The number of overdose deaths from prescription and illicit opioids has doubled from 21,089 in 2010 to 42,249 in 2016, and;

WHEREAS: Fentanyl overdose is the leading cause of death for adults aged 18-45, and;

WHEREAS: Overdose deaths have increased 22% in North Carolina since 2021, and;

WHEREAS: 4,041 people in North Carolina lost their lives to opioid overdose in 2021, which is the highest overdose deaths in NC in a year, and;

WHEREAS: 5 people die everyday in NC from an opioid overdose, and;

WHEREAS: A review of EMS data showed that 93.5% of people survived their overdoses when given Naloxone in a timely manner, and;

WHEREAS: Naloxone has shown to be an effective emergency medication to mitigate an overdose and restore normal breathing within two (2) to three (3) minutes from opioids including heroin, fentanyl and prescription opioid medications, and;

WHEREAS: North Carolina G.S. 90-96.2 states that North Carolina has Good Samaritan Laws, protecting those who are overdosing and anyone assisting them in an emergency from arrest, charges, or a combination of these, and;

WHEREAS: Elon University's Medical Safety Policy is similarly applied to ensure a student receiving emergency medical attention/treatment related to drug use or another person seeking medical attention for them will not be referred to the student conduct process, and;

WHEREAS: The Opioid Harm Reduction Committee (including Jana Lynn Patterson, Whitney Gregory, Emma Bach, Charlotte Williams, Callie Kelly, Joe LeMire, Stephanie Vaughn, Ginette Archinal, Valerie Drummond, and Kirsten Carrier) has proposed a pilot program offering emergency access to Narcan in residential neighborhood common spaces, therefore;

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

ARTICLE I: The Elon University Student Government Association will assist with the development of an educational campaign for the Elon community on the dangers of illicit drugs, opioid overdose, and Narcan resources.

ARTICLE II: The Elon University Student Government Association will allocate an amount that would not exceed \$5,000 to ensure the appropriate funds to purchase and install emergency OneBoxes and supply Narcan for those boxes.

ARTICLE III: After one (1) year, Elon Student Government Association will collect survey data from the student body to send to the university and the opioid harm reduction committee going forward.

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Speaker of the Senate: Chloe Higgins

VP of Communications: Caroline Mitchell

Vote: Aye Nay Abstain

VP of Finance: Gabriella Gutierrez

Student Body President: Britt Mobley