

In the Student Senate
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**A BILL REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF FREE MENSTRUAL HEALTH PRODUCTS IN
MAJOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS AT ELON UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS: As part of the mission of the Student Government Association, this organization seeks to join with faculty and administrators of the University in building a stronger, more effective educational community, and;

WHEREAS: 60% of Elon's student body is female, and;

WHEREAS: 86% of American women, ages 18-54, have started their periods unexpectedly in public without the supplies they need, and;

WHEREAS: Unexpected menstruation can interfere with female students' academic success and confidence, and;

WHEREAS: Elon University currently provides menstrual health products only for purchase, and;

WHEREAS: Our peer institutions, such as Bucknell, College of Charleston and James Madison University, have programs that provide free feminine hygiene products to students, and;

WHEREAS: The month-long pilot program in February of 2019 gained documented and verbal support which emphasized students' desires for available menstrual health products, therefore:

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

ARTICLE I. We, the members of the Student Government Association of Elon University, establish that women's natural cycles should not interfere with their reception of a quality education, and seek to ensure that products are available across campus for female students in urgent situations.

ARTICLE II. Physical Plant will enter bathrooms on campus and remove current dispensers. They will replace the dispensers with mounted plastic dispensers in the bathroom locations below.

ARTICLE III. The Student Government Association will allocate an amount which would not exceed \$5,000 per year, for two years, to ensure Physical Plant has the appropriate funds to order and stock the selected bathrooms on campus.

ARTICLE IV. The fund allocation will be kept in a reserve and will be accessed by Physical Plant for each necessary product order.

ARTICLE V. The funding will estimate 1,500 tampons per month and 750 pads per month.

ARTICLE VI. One female bathroom will be stocked in the following building locations: Moseley Student Center, Lakeside Dining, Global Commons, McEwen Dining, Belk Library and Koenigsberger Learning Center, Lindner Hall, Koury Business Center, Koury Athletic Center, McMichael Science Building, Alamance, Duke, and Schar Hall.

ARTICLE VII. One gender-neutral bathroom will be stocked in the following building locations: Moseley Student Center, Global Commons, McEwen Dining, Belk Library and Koenigsberger Learning Center, Koury Athletic Center, and Schar Hall.

ARTICLE VIII. This initiative will be reevaluated in two years to inquire about the possibility of the University Administration funding this program, or to extend the duration of the Student Government Association's involvement.

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