



Elon University
Student Government Association
Minutes: April 16, 2026

Start Time:

Roll Call - Senator Winter

Swearing in of SGA Members

Michael: Swears in new Senators

Swearing in of Finance Board Member

Open Forum

- Parmar: Motion to question
- Hart: Second

Old Business

- Approval of April 2 Minutes
- Approval of April 9 Minutes

New Business

- Appointment of Senators
 - Capelle: I want to be the senate engagement Senator, I want to be an outlet and voice for my peers.
 - Goldstein: I'm a sophomore, public policy major. I want to get more involved and represent my peers' voices. I am applying for the class of 2028 Senator.
 - Iyer: I am applying for the sustainability Senator, it can be easy and feasible
 - Davis: I want to be class of 2027 Senator. As a student athlete I felt like I was in a bubble, I want to connect athletes with students and the Senate.
 - Miller: I am an accounting major, I want to be a class of 202
- Haspel: What are you looking to implement?
- Capelle: I want to tell students about transportation and volunteer opportunities
- Goldstein: During late night we use a lot of plastic, I want to work on sustainability

- Glatt: I want to fix the freshman year parking lot, it is not safe for girls to walk back alone
- Iyer: I want to work on sustainability initiatives
- I want to implement using committees and senators to spread the word about what the student government is doing.
- Hart: My question is for Braydon, how do you plan to accommodate your plans?
- Davis: I would work with professors and negotiate times for presentations.
- Difo Rojas: Motion to question
- Nunno: Second
- Parmar: motion to divide senator
- Arellano-Perez: Second
- Haspel: Point of inquiry, can we do that after seconding?

Voice Vote: Passes except for Glatt

Navarette Perez: Point of inquiry, could I abstain?

Haspel: Point of inquiry, can we suspend the rules?

Gregory: Let us check the rules

Haspel: Motion to suspend the rules

Hart: Second

Keicher: point of information, we do not have to follow the standard roberts rules.

Swartz: Point of information, this Senator has shown sustained interest in serving this Senate.

Parmar: Point of inquiry, how long

Agulnek: Until you reinstate

Spears: This Senator has good intentions however he can be rude or impulsive when he does not get his way. He has directly said they hate SGA and does not do what the students desire. If you do not view SGA kindly and come in with a bias, it makes no sense to come in.

Urteaga: In addition to this, my friend has been called out on multiple platforms to be challenged and Glatt has continually pushed my friend to be uncomfortable

Hart: This appointee has made comments about students of color, harmful-race based comments. I would not feel confident with this Senator being on SGA.

Sears: Motion to rules, Motion to dissolve discussion

Parmar: Second

Hart: Motion to reinstate rules

Nunno: Second

Urteaga: Motion to question

Parmar: object.

Parmar: motion to divide by senator

Gregory: Point of information, this would be motion to question on Glatt

Urteaga: Motion to question

Ellis: Second

Appointment fails 0-24.

Haspel: motion to recess for 8 minutes

Benson: Second

Banker: Motion to amend agenda for the swearing in of Senator Gabriele

Pittman: Second

Michael: Swears in new Senators

- Appointment to Finance Board

- Riley: I am trying to be appointed to be the Finance board. I was the treasurer for the Mock trial and helped people who were in my position, because I know how it can be.

- Appointment of the Assistant Comptroller

- Becker: Joleyn is being appointed to Comptroller, she will work with emails, etc
 - Jocelyn: I am a finance major and I am asking to be appointed to Comptroller. Before this I was in SGA as a treasurer, sitting on the Finance Board.

Ellis: What word would you describe yourself?

Joleyn: I would say genuine, I try to be genuine in everything I do and how I interact with others.

Riley: I would say driven, I am driven in the work I do and what I am pursuing.

Thomas: Jocelyn, what problems would you want to fix on the finance board.

Joleyn: I would like to make a calendar so students can see where their money is going.

Difo Rojas: Riley, you said you struggled with being a treasurer, what problems did you have and how did you overcome them?

Riley: I overcame my problems by reaching out.

Cayce: Jocelyn is a great candidate, she has seen the issues behind the finance board and how to navigate. Riley is great because he has been in the position of a treasurer and can be used to bridge the gap.

Navarette Perez: Motion to question

Sears: Objection

Sears: Motion to question

Urteaga: Second

Appointments pass 30-0.

Michael: Swears in appointees

- Election of Speaker Pro Tempore
 - Ellis: I nominate Chris Guider
 - Guider: I accept
 - Guider: I am class of 2029 and campus safety Senator. It is a great deal of responsibility being a mini speaker. I believe I can be a good bridge. If you elect me I will be the bridge between Senate and Speakership, I want to help you accomplish what you seek out.
 - Hart: Hi Chris, given your experience how do you plan to push you forward?
 - Guider: I was given the rising star award. Please come to me, I will help you. I will find you the answers you were looking for.
 - Urteaga: I'm curious, what do you wish to improve?
 - Guider: I would like to see a more vocal role as Pro Tempore. We accomplished three legislation last year. I would like to see more.
 - Urteaga: Motion to discuss for 10 minutes
 - Parmar: Second
 - Reeves: Guider is very passionate, a great fit for this role.
 - Arellano-Perez: Guider is a great person to be around and would help Senate leadership. He works with the historical neighborhood association.
 - Urteaga: I've gotten to know Chris, he is so passionate and driven for SGA. He wants to change things and will accomplish everything he seeks out.
 - Nunno: I have gotten to know Chris inside and out of SGA. He is a joy to be around.
 - Sears: Motion to dissolve the discussion time
 - Cirelli: Second
 - Arellano-Perez: motion to question
 - Nunno: second
 - Elected 31-0.
- S.B. 26-4.1 A Bill Regarding the Renaming of the Student Government Association Mascot
 - Agulnek: We are going over the naming of the SGA Mascot.
 - Agulnek: We are going over this legislation, feel free to make amendments and points of motions.
 - Maric: For context I am changing the name of the mascot to Lumen.
 - Guider: question, you want to make it team beaches but that looks over team mountains in SGA. It is not representative.
 - Ellis: Isn't the Mascot leaning over to one side when it should be representative of all.

- Capelle: Motion to question
- Urteaga: Object
- Haspel: Motion to discuss for 10 minutes
- Arellano-Perez: Second
- Navarette Perez: I believe that although Lumen has his individual preferences, he should not show his bias to beaches. Therefore, it may exclude and make people who prefer mountains uncomfortable.
- Guider: We cannot let a one sided senate take all.
- Schuermann: I think the acorn should represent all
- Maric: The pronouns for the Mascot is they/them. There are some years where the mascot represents the mountains and beaches.
- Reeves: I am in agreement with the author and the republican government, presenting how you feel. It would be unjust to tell them to prefer mountains more.
- Capelle: Even though Lumen has their own bias, they are still supporting mountains and beaches at the end of the day.
- Sears: I want to offer a new idea for the acorn, we can make it where they are confused about what they prefer.
- Parmar: I recognize all six pillars, lumen having their own preference for their mental health is important too.
- Arellano Perez: Why the acorn is being named Lumen, is closer to the beach and thus must be geographically closer to choosing beaches.
- Urteaga: This is important because we love having voices heard.
- Ellis: If a mascot is what you take pride in, why divide it.
- Haspel: According to Merriam Webster dictionary, a mascot is to foster unity and morale. Perhaps Lumen should not have a leaning to one or the other.
- Navarete Perez: the purpose of unity is not to show the majority, it is everyone.
- Nunno: I fully do believe that Lumen supports both and advocates for all.
- Thomas: It is to my knowledge that SGA is to spark their truth, they should have their own opinions
- Guider: This is a threat to safety, people who support mountains may feel uncomfortable to engage in Senate dialogue.
- Benson: My amendment is to add a short bit to the end of the sentence, showing the acorn comes from elon and is symbolic of who we represent.
- Guider: Motion to amend by striking letting it be resolved.
- Maric: Unfriendly
- Hart: We aren't upset about the pronouns and instead beaches or mountains

- Maric: I think this is interesting, however I find it important to include which it prefers.
- Arellano Perez: We are taking away the acorn's voice by taking it away.
- Davis: This article is a reminder that we are able to have healthy conversations.
- Sears: Motion to question
- Nunno: Objection
- Thomas: motion to question
- Guider: Objection
- Haspel: Motion to caucus by class
- Guider: Objection
- Sears: Motion to straw poll
- Capelle: Second
- Pitman: Motion to question Amendment
- Sears: Second
Amendment fails 5-27.
- Navarette Perez: motion to caucus by role. This is necessary for those you are representing
- Thomas: Objection
- Guider: Motion to question by roll call vote on the entire legislation
- Sears: Second
Legislation passes 24-8.
- Maric: Hope you like the name Lumen! Go beaches
- Sears: motion to amend agenda to include parliamentarian
- Haspel: Second

Election of Parliamentarian

- Sears: I nominate Senator Winter
- Winter: I object
- Chris Gudier: Motion to caucus by class
- Nunno: Second
- Arellano Perez : I want to nominate Senator Hart
- Hart: I accept the nomination
- Rojas: I want to nominate Senator Davis
- Davis: I accept the nomination
- Urteaga: I want to nominate Senator Sears
- Sears: I accept the nomination

- Hart: I serve as a school of communications, I do not want to serve as Parliamentarian do not vote for me.
- Davis: I am a notetaker for my classes, I can do it.
- Sears: While I am putting myself forward for this position, please look for a candidate more willing than I.
- Pitman: Motion to question
- Haspel: objection
- Arellano Perez: Motion to discuss for five minutes
- Urteaga: Second
- Urteaga: Marshall does not want to serve, only one really wants to serve.
- Arelleno Perez: I agree, only one wants to serve
- Agulnek: I think Murphy would be great
- Urteaga: motion to dissolve remaining discussion time
- Cirelli: Second
- Reeves: Motion to voice vote
Murphy Davis elected.

Executive President's Report - Michael Swartz

- Swartz: Welcome Senators! There will be bumps in the road but we will work through it. Keep filling out qualtrics form, Denim day is coming up, University committees are open, reach out to me, find health science or communications friends. Update on Michaels Minute will focus on faculty and those in our community.

Executive Vice President's Report - Oliver Keicher

- Keicher: Administrative professionals day workshop after business meeting. Next wednesday 22nd 9:30-10:30am in SGA office "coffee-hour" with AP. After roll call we will do a quick little project, take two to three cards and write a letter to one of our AP.

Vice President of Finance's Report - Cayce Becker

- Becker:
- Requested \$592,026.89
- Approved: \$303,207.37
- Reimbursed: 4181,850.60
- Outstanding: \$61,057.82
- Internal Expenses: \$41, 563.68
- Pending- stipends
- Ambart Awards
- Quarter 1: Apx. 154k, Apx. 232 events

- Over \$5000 - three events
- We have one budget request coming to the senate
- READ THE BYLAWS
- Our goal is not to have money left over, it is to make sure students have events

Vice President of Communication's Report - Tyler Mastrangelo

- Mastrangelo: ENN, we will continue having people at our meetings. You cannot speak on behalf of SGA, only individual comments unless its legislation.

Speaker of the Senate's Report - Ellie Agulnek

- Agulnek: Congrats on appointees. Hope you liked the parliamentary procedure practiced through the legislation. The weekly meetings are mandatory, SGA events, and there will be a working meeting next week. There will be a committee form to be filled out. Reach out if you are interested in being a committee chair.

Advisor's Report - Dean Gregory

- Gregory: Let's give it up for the executive board. We will do more design thinking sessions for senate priorities, focusing on two or three central ideas. Next week we will focus on what SGA's do: awareness/education, resources, policy and systems. Set aside 15 minutes to think of ideas for next week's Senate meeting. Birthday in the room: Jacob!
- Urteaga: Is the health EU building being called the Slattery building thanks to their family's donation.

SGA Open Forum

- Guider: Reach out for campus safety concerns. Next Monday April 20th we are playing a uno tournament downstairs larose. Marshall was featured in the newspaper. You will see an email about what you want to do this term.
- Urteaga: Earth fest before next Thursday's meeting. 5-7:30pm
- Nunno: April 19th potato bar, free meal, CCM.
- Rojas: Dan Day is coming up, anyone can come.
- Sears: April 28th is SURF day, come see me come see presentations
- Parmar: Health EU, two things health EU is hiring. Health EU day is coming up.
- Arellano Perez: Earth day is coming up with Elon dining promoting sustainability. Check it out.
- Navarette Perez: Moseley is trying to expand, share ideas.
- Haspel: If you are presenting at SURF day drop location
- Benson: Importance of discussion.
- Tor: Tomorrow is phoenix fusion, some will be at CREDE stop by and support.
- Thomas: I am hosting a kid and seeing my kid at the CREDE. Also April 25th sustainability x phoenix fashion great hall around 8pm.

- Benson: Tonight trendiest senator is Hardy
- Roll Call - Senator Winter
- Naverrete-Perez: motion to adjourn
- Urteaga: second

End Time: 10:08

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