



Elon University
Student Government Association
Minutes: September 17, 2026

START TIME: 7:30pm

Executive Attendance

- Oliver Keicher
- Tyler Mastrangelo
- Michael Swartz
- Ellie Agulnek
- Cayce Becker

Roll Call - Parliamentarian Davis

Open Forum

Presentation

- Dr. Megan Karbley, Director of Compliance and Title IX Coordinator, AK Krauss, Assistant Director of the GLC and Confidential Advocate, and Becca Bishopric Patterson, Associate Director of the GLC – Gender-Based Violence Prevention and GLC, Title IX Resources
 - Resources for Support of Bias, Harassment, and Violence
 - **TITLE IX STAYS PRIVATE**
 - Title IX: a federal civil rights law that prohibits sex-based harassment in any school that receives funding from the federal government
 - Sexual Harassment & Violence Reporting (c)
 - Supportive Measures (most students engage here)
 - Academic support
 - Housing
 - Cease Contact
 - Resolution Process: a formal complaint must be submitted

- Informal Reporting
 - Formal Reporting
- Bias Education: the Office of Inclusive Excellence Education and Development (OIEED) offers education opportunities that aim to proactively reduce identity-based bias and bias-based reports
 - Offers workshops and educational opportunities
- What is Bias? Favor for or against one thing, person, or group compared to another
 - Implicit Bias
 - Explicit Bias
 - Identity-based Bias (main focus)
- Confidential Support & Advocacy Services: provide support and empowerment for individuals affected by sexual assault, relationship abuse, stalking, or harassment (AK Krauss (primary))
 - Confidential Advocate Role
 - Resource Connection
 - Process Navigation
 - Safety and Crisis Planning
- How do we prevent violence? Getting a lot of people doing small things differently
 - Regular conversations and education
 - Challenging norms and behaviors that contribute to the tolerance of violence
 - Norming and modeling healthy relationships, boundaries, and communication
 - Encouraging critical consumption and open conversations
- Get Involved:
 - Event: Healthy Relationships CARE-nival @ EElon Volleyball Game(Friday 10/2 5:30-7:30pm)
- Takeaways:
 - **Prevention is Possible:** lots of people making small changes makes a difference
 - **Support is Prevention:** believing and supporting survivors matters
- Questions:
 - Navarrete-Perez: How do you guys work with counseling services?

- AK: Connected to Crossroads and Family Abuse Services, and they have a strong relationship with counseling services. There is no survivors support group, but there are resources for therapy
- Scheurman: How do you guys work with mental health services?
 - Becca: On campus, we are working with friends and family members of survivors, not just those who are directly affected. We do presentations and provide education on how trauma affects a community firsthand and secondarily
 - Response: On Friday from 3-4:30 we partner with Hims & Hers, which is a support group
- Gonzalez: I just wanted more info on the Clear team
 - Response: They give presentations and provide resources regarding supporting survivors and healthy relationships. This is an open group in which people join for a semester or year to disseminate information to their group
- Agulnek:
 - Megan: If one person's passion or desire was enough, then we would have communities free of bias and harassment. From a response perspective, the harm has happened, and I am always hoping that people are willing to step in, not just when it gets to the worst thing but when you notice it at first
 - Response: Say something. It doesn't hurt to say something. Most of our offices are referral-based, and it's OK to ask questions; you are not going to get in trouble
 - AK: We are willing to meet you where you all are at. So how can we support you and show up in ways that are meaningful?
 - Becca: Do not underestimate the power of modeling

New Business

- Appointment of Violet Kourembis as HealthEU Senator
 - Ernesto Perz: How do you plan on working with other organizations on campus?
 - I think right now we have a lot of good pop-ups on campus, but they are focused on small initiatives. But I would like to host a large-scale event when the Slattery Center is open
 - Difo Rojas: What was your job?
 - Nursing Assistant
 - Difo Rojas: How do you plan to take those

- I work with Senior Citizens, so I have learned how to cultivate ways to make sure they are interacting with others, so in this role I want to not only focus on physical health but also mental health in order to facilitate a holistic approach
- Appointment of Adam Basseches-Holm as a Class of 2028 Senator
 - Jackson: What do you think you want to see implemented in SGA?
 - I think more class-wide events to make our class more unified
- Appointment of Maddy Girsch as a School of Communications Senator
 - Cooper: When you have a lot of assignments, how can SGA best support?
 - When I'm feeling overwhelmed, I would love if SGA could have some grace and trust that I will get it done within the next few days
 - Nunno: Have you had a chance to look at Michael's Minute?
 - I have looked at it. It's a great approach to connect people on campus
 - Nunno: Can you give us some preliminary ideas of what you are thinking?
 - I think posting more consistently would be the best approach
 - Ernesto-Perez: How do you plan on bridging the gap between the School of Communication and other arts on campus?
 - I think social media is a great way to bring awareness to other programs within the School of Communication; that would be a great way to let people know about what parts of the School of Communications
- Background:
 - Agulnek: I talked to Adam and Maddy, and when I interviewed them, they brought lots of ideas
- Capelle: Motion to Question
- Reeves: Second

Old Business

- Approval of September 10 Minutes
 - Vote by Dissent

Presentation

- Will Ellis and Dmitri Putman, One Phoenix Co-Chairs – Homecoming Royalty Timeline
 - Timeline:
 - Sep. 14: Application on Phoenix Connect
 - Sept. 22: Application closes
 - Sept. 28: Candidates Announced
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 - Candidate Info Session: Thursday, September 24; 5:30 pm

- Silent Disco for Homecoming Kickoff
 - Becker: How does it connect to the goal of One Phoenix?
 - The mascot will be there to ignite school spirit
- HOCO Kickoff Challenge
 - A field goal kicking contest
 - Question: How to verify no one is or was a former kicker
 - B. Davis: I can verify that
- Questions
 - B. Davis: Verification of former kicker, does that mean at Elon or high school?
 - At Elon
 - Scheruman: What is homecoming royalty?
 - They attend the football game during Homecoming and walk to the 50-yard line
 - Becker: Can you clarify the charity aspect?
 - Agulnek: Its recognition of engaging with school spirit and it is called 'Royal Court' to be more gender inclusive. The Homecoming Royalty get to be the face of the school spirit
 - Erellano-Perez: Where does the charity come in?
 - Agulnek: It is less of a charity, and we have switched to volunteer hours to ensure that there is more community involvement during that time
 - Pittman: How was it promoted in the previous years?
 - Potti: I knew it Freshman year, but not as I got older
 - Reeves: HealthEU gave a presentation, and one of them was running for Homecoming Court, so that's how I found out. It seems to be based on those who are running and how they promote
 - Scalia: It would be a good idea to use other organizations to promote it during their meeting
 - Winter: I work in Student Involvement, so if you email me, I can help facilitate an event shoutout to promote
 - Patte: What does the winner of the field goal kicking contest get?
 - It's a secret
 - Jones: How did you land on 2 hours of community service getting a vote?
 - Kept it the same from last year
 - Tor: How does the voting system work?

- If you're friend is helping you, they can insert their voting hours to help contribute to your votes
- Benson: There is a comment portion on PhoenixServe and in the comments you can put 'I am doing my hours to count towards X candidate'
- Thomas: When can people campaign?
 - The week of
- Navarrete-Perez: Is there a cap on how many volunteer hours one can put towards voting?
 - As of now, there is no cap
 - Benson: When I did it, there was no cap on how many hours one can contribute. But it did influence who won significantly; if you want to change that, we can
 - B. Davis: I'm not opposed to the cap, but how can we verify the vote?
 - It's on PhoenixServe, which serves as the verifiable source
 - Winter: I think the two hours is a good block to engage in meaningful work. Moreover, it allows people
 - Straw poll on 2 hours per vote or one hour per vote
 - Point of Information: I think that is a question for the Kernoodle Center because of the increments that they normally do
- Hart: Have you thought of a way to get DJ Diesel involved?
 - We haven't focused on it much

Executive President's Report - Michael Swartz

- Charge for Everyone: Have at least one intentional conversation with someone you represent this week?
- Questions for Dr. Dooley:
 - Thomas: Is there a chance for students to meet Shaq?
 - Schwartz: I would ask SUB
 - Keicher: I was asking SUB, and he is a busy man with a strict security detail, so I am not sure
 - Scheurmann: Places where you park on campus are minimal and get pretty full, and there aren't a lot of spots. Is there a chance for more parking?
 - Potti: I've also been asked to bring up parking regarding the comms school and psych schools. Additionally, there has been questions regarding flock cameras that are being used to monitor parking

- Reeves:
 - Point 1: Passio-GO, I was not only having issues with the app tracking the shuttle; people have also been having issues with the shuttle itself. Personally, I waited 2 ½ hours on Saturday evening, and it never showed up; it has happened twice. The shuttle has frequently needed attention, and the people who drive the shuttles claim to be volunteers. I think it would be a good idea for Elon to pay attention to the shuttle and the shuttle driver's efficacy and reliability (Elon Express)
 - Dean Gregory - Point of Information: If there is a shuttle concert, send an email to campus police with the specific shuttle route, time, and location so that it can be looked into because they are paid, professional staff members
 - Point 2: Regarding Flock cameras, people are concerned that there are Flock cameras on and around campus and what the implications are of these cameras on and around campus
- Meyer: The lights in the freshman parking lots are out at times. The shuttle routes and directions on the website are not updated
- Navarrete-Perez: I kept hearing concerns from org leaders and Phoenix Connect in regards to managing events. Is there a way to implement training regarding managing events
 - Winter: I work in Student Involvement, so if you have any org questions, please let me know because I am here to help
 - Scalia: I am not sure if this is regular, but in the Kernoodle Center, they do have trainings for org leaders
- Cooper: I was putting my car in the freshman lot at 8 pm. But I called an E-Drive, and they said 'No' to me on the phone without a specific explanation
- Iyer: About the Flock cameras, I know there is a new active citizens club that is giving lots of information regarding Flock cameras. Also, my friend experienced a similar situation regarding E-Drive
- Jackson: I called campus police about the shuttle, and it didn't come. In the engineering department, some of the safety goggles don't fit, and their policy they have now is that students buy their own safety goggles; then they get reimbursed
 - Dean Gregory: Talk to Dean Wolf
- Scherman: Elon Express did not work freshman year. I had to Uber because the Elon Express did not work

- Kourembis: I think it would be helpful to have a presentation for freshmen or OL leaders regarding transportation
 - Dean Gregory- Point of Information: Contact Destiny Payne
- Arellano-Perez: Right now there is inconsistent leadership and support specifically within the Odyssey Scholar program, and what we were promised, we are not getting
 - Navararete-Perez: This applies to Elon Academy as well
- Guider: Response to comments made about E-Ride. If anyone has had any situations regarding E-Ride within the past month or year, please come talk to me after the meeting

Executive Vice President's Report - Oliver Keicher

- SGA Challenge Course (Optional, but encouraged)
 - Sat, 9/19 11:30-2:30
 - Tailgate with us
 - Not 'sponsored' by SGA
 - Sat 9/19 @4pm - Kickoff
 - North Carolina Symphony
 - September 30, 2026
 - Alumni Gym
 - Retreat
 - On-Campus
 - Friday 10/2 4-8:30
 - Upstairs La Rose Student Commons
 - Off-Campus @Camp Haines
 - Saturday
 - Sunday

Vice President of Finance's Report - Cayce Becker

- Q2 Funding due Sep. 19th
 - Office Hours: 11:30-2pm Friday, Sep 18th
- Acorn Fund: Info Session on Monday
 - 5-6pm Belk Lib 102
 - Non-Senate Rep Open
 - Previous Acorn Fund recipients is now on the website

Vice President of Communication's Report - Tyler Mastrangelo

- Opportunity to join the communications team
- Stats:

- Up 200 followers over the last month
- Michael Monday's Minute was the start of the IG

Speaker of the Senate's Report - Ellie Agulnek

- Homecoming Royalty - make sure you spread the word
 - 2 Takeaways & 2 Questions
- I am sending out a request to the room to share out during Open Forum
- Ellie will be out of the office on Monday
- Explorations with Ellie
- How well could you explain the Elon Express? 1-2 people raised their hand
- QR codes for Resources

Advisor's Report - Dean Gregory

Senate Leadership Reports

- Putman:
 - Football
 - Women's Soccer
- Thomas:
 - Happy Hispanic Heritage Month (Sep 15-Oct 15)
 - Sep 15 marked the independence of many countries
 - Jacob or I will send out a sheet for cultural events
 - I am in the process of meeting with Randy Williams, so please let me know if you have anything I should share with him
- Guider: Thank you to the 25 of you who have responded to the 'Mentor/Mentee' program
- Arellano-Perez: Conversations and Coffee October 6, 1:30-3:30
 - Students share thoughts, and in appreciation, they receive a \$5 Oak House gift card
- Gonzalez: Majors Fair will be on October 6 from 4- 6 p.m
- Ellis: There is a men's soccer game at noon versus College of Charleston

SGA Open Forum

- Winter: On October 17, there will be an event about flock cameras. If you have questions about organizations and PhoenixConnect, please let me know
- Navarrete-Perez: I appreciate you guys going to the cultural events
- Benson: Trendiest Senator - Senator Jones

Roll Call - Parliamentarian Davis

- Arellano-Perez: Adjourn
- Winter: Second

END TIME: 9:08 pm