



**Elon University**  
**Student Government Association**  
**Minutes: September 24, 2026**

**START TIME:**

Executive Attendance:

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

Roll Call - Parliamentarian Davis

Open Forum

Old Business

- Approval of September 17 Minutes

Presentation

- Dr. Eleanor Finger, Assistant Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Campus Life –  
Feedback on Residence Life Ideas
  - Trying to figure out how to get juniors and seniors to stay on campus
  - Open to hearing about students' experiences, so she is always available to connect, whether that is getting coffee, going for a walk, etc.
  - Works to bridge faculty and staff together who are not just in the classroom in order to help advance student experience outside of the classroom
  - Residential Campus Strengthen Plan
    - 9 Priority Areas Involved in this Plan
      - Primary Target: to advance relationships between faculty and students outside of the classroom
        - Why does this matter?

- Reeves: Elon talks frequently about being the #1 in teaching so it is important to develop those relationships in order to be able to uphold that award

1. Developmental Pathways
2. Community Building: wants to encourage students that they have a palpable place to call home
3. Student Leadership: wants students to believe in themselves in obtaining leadership roles
4. Faculty Engagement: wants students to have real relationships with faculty members in which their relationship is not dependent on a student's performance
5. Leaving Learning Communities
6. Residentially Linked Courses
7. Dining Engagement
8. Bridges & Collaborations: how do we utilize external communities in Elon and connect them to internal Elon
9. Assessment

- Questions:

1. Fac/Staff Interactions
  - a. How are students connected with typical faculty in the neighborhood?
    - i. Sears: In his historic neighborhood, their faculty member that lies there makes his presence known by engaging in ice cream and being out every Sunday. Its faculty making their presence known to students
    - ii. Guder: RA in historic, dr. m and claudine, they do a great job in facilitating relationships. Claudine does smores . Dr. M will bring her dog and also is available during office hours in order to engage with residents. They have ways in which they aim to engage with residents in the community
    - iii. Reeves: Residentially Linked Course and there were a lot of areas for them to grow as friends and as a community because they were all first years. That

class provided the structure and it was what they needed to have a better college experience.

- b. What gets in the way of building these relationships?
  - i. Williams: I think something that gets in the way is that some people that live on my floor did not want to be in the LLC, they are kind of just there. And during community conversations there are instances in which someone will mention that they are not in the LLC and feel like they don't belong. SO because you have two different groups of people, it is hard to build a community in which people can feel their differences vividly.
  - ii. Reeves: One thing that can get in the way both in their neighborhoods and LLCs and beyond is for some students who do not know how to form these relationships to begin with, especially freshmen. They may not know how to ask their teacher to go to dinner or how to get involved in another area outside. One way that this could be rectified is that throughout the semester, the teacher says that hey do you want to get lunch, dinner, or coffee with me? This is how to do it, and this is when I'm free. Or they could hold a lunch or a dinner on a certain day and tell their students that I'm holding a lunch or dinner, or holding this event; if you want to join, send me an email or RSVP. This shows great accessibility and opportunities for both students and faculty alike to engage with one another.
- c. What are some positive experiences?
  - i. Hart: It humanizes them. When I went, I could see them as a person, not just a scary figure in the classroom. When he went with one of his professors, they both realized they didn't like asparagus. It makes the professor seem more like a real person

- ii. Nunno: My research professor; we had lunch together during my sophomore year before I went abroad, and I talked about what I wanted to research, so when I returned back from abroad, he became my research mentor!
- iii. Winter: Takes a professor out to lunch; she's done two so far. One of her favorite ones so far has been with Matthew Young; he is always there to give advice during office hours, does lunch at his house, brings food after exams, and that connection has been influential on her Elon career
- iv. Dr. Finger: Demystify taking professors out. Share with them your experiences that have fostered meaningful relationships and connections. But in all ways that you all have felt confident to do this, share this with younger students
- v. Williams: Is there a limit on how many lunches you can go to with your face/staff.
  - 1. Finger: We are hoping that faculty/staff go to at least 12 lunches per year. But the point is not the free food; it is about the quality of the time that you are spending with faculty and staff to cultivate relationships

## 2. Linked Courses & LLCs

- a. Dr. Finger: It seems that the best way is for faculty/staff to let students know that they are available and accessible for these relationships to begin to grow.

## 3. Connection that helps build a sense of belonging?

### - Building Community & Belonging with Juniors & Seniors

- 1. Why do juniors and seniors choose not to live on campus?
  - a. Scurman: iTs easier to sublet your apartment when you're abroad. WHen living on campus it is extremely hard to sublet during the semester and you end up paying for the room you're not using
- 2. Why would some juniors and seniors want to remain on campus?

- a. Capelle: My friend complained about living off campus, Crest. And she expressed that she has to pay for amenities that she would get living on campus; she doesn't get that now. The distance. She has been having issues with appliances. Also being in a LLC provides a community in which she knows she would have received if she was on campus
- Agulnek: What is one takeaway
  - Dr. Finger: use your influence to get students to engage with faculty and get involved with many of the opportunities we have here. Also encourage them to be brave and try new things. Also always keep the feedback coming because I really do appreciate it.

### New Business

- Appointment of Liz Moores as a Love School of Business Senator
  - Accounting major
  - Third year
  - Previous college of arts and sciences center spring 2025-fall 2025 then went abroad in spring 2026
  - Interested in joining a different committee because she understands the committee's impact
- Appointment of Joumana Said as a Love School of Business Senator
  - Dual degree program in international business
  - Freshman
  - She wants Canva Pro and Canva to be free for students in the business school and being able to have access to cultivate the ideas that students in that school have and helps
  - I appreciate the way you all communicate with one another. It is very streamlined and organized, which I was able to notice when I attended last week's business meeting. I also worked as a camp counselor, and this setup was how our team meetings were set up, and it creates a space for everyone to see each other and attain eye contact and foster better communication.
- Appointment of Kemari Logan as a Love School of Business Senator
  - Junior year
  - Double major
  - Wants to make a return to SGA and start a legislation that will be impactful and create change

- Logan: Fall of last year
- Guider: When were you on SGA
- I was a School of Communications senator, but I have since changed my major and will not be returning
- Haspel: For returners, what is something you were involved in last year, and for new members, what are your ideas that you would like to add?
- Guider: Motion to question for 10 minutes
- Difo Rojas: Object
- Capelle: Motion to discuss for 10 minutes
- Tor: Object
- Hand vote: Split
- Voice Vote: Nay
- Enter: Motion to discuss for 10 minutes
- Putman: Speaking of my time knowing Kemari Logna, he is a hard-working individual, and he has been involved in lots of things. And him being in the School of Communications only diversifies his portfolio
- Cooper: She is hard-working and is excited to work and make change. She is passionate
- Winter: Joumana Said: she is outspoken, and Kemari is going abroad together. Liz: She is super sweet
- Guider: I remember Kemari for being funny and outspoken; when something needed to be said, it was said. Liz Moore also did a phenomenal job of speaking and being direct. I think those two people will help the SGA and its discussions
- Ellis: Kemari has 4 jobs on campus and is really involved and keeps a level head. He was also my mentor
- Sherlock: Speaking specifically to Liz, she is excited to bring so many ideas and bring fresh experiences because she is involved
- HAspel: On behalf of Liz Moores, she is very level-headed and has a voice of reason and is excited to come back
- Capelle: Kemari Logan is a good person and a kind soul. And he always has a positive attitude. He also encourages
- Putman: Dissolve Discussion
- Benson: Second
- Sherlock: Question
- Ellis: Second
- Vote: 45-0

Executive President's Report - Michael Swartz

- Dodge for a Cause
  - October 22, 5-7
  - 6-8 people: Please let us know if you would like to be on the team
    - Michael, Oliver, Tyler
- Dr. Dooley Updates:
  - Transportation: IF there is an issue with shuttle services, contact Scott Stephens is a good person to reach out to, and E-Rides, the Chief of Police Dotson. For E-Rides, remember the date and time, and give it to campus safety and police
  - Flock Cameras: They have been on our campus for 5-6 years. I know the national sentiment and information have increased. But the Flock cameras helped with vandalism and stolen items on campus. We are trying to get people together to hold a discussion about Flock cameras
  - Lighting in the Gateway Light: Some are motion-centered, so I know it can seem scary. But you can put in a fix it or call campus police and safety for any lighting solutions
  - Mooney: John Dooley shares the frustration, and he said it should be done within the next two weeks
  - Once the Slattery system opens, the Center for Access and Success program will move into Koury
  - Elle Collins, who is the director of the program, and reach out to her with any director concerns
- Any further questions for Dooley:
  - Gonzalez: My professor brought up that Elon has a child care service where Elon faculty/staff are allowed to get reduced child care, but a lot of the workers who work in the dining halls are not allowed to use that service because they're connected to Harvest Table, and a lot of them have expressed their concerns and that it is unfair.
    - Dean Gregory: Vice President Janet Williams is the best point of contact
  - Sears: Allen Hall being renamed, and someone was curious on why those changes occurred and why they aren't publicized. And does Elon have any plan to acknowledge the past of Elon
    - Dean Gregory: The History and Tradition committee has put out a lot of the history and problematic history of Elon, and they look at strategies of looking forward to incorporate equity, healing, and restorative practice

- Sears: It's good that there is a resource online on it. But I think it's more of a question of having visible placards to show when people are physically on the campus
- Reeves: In my building, I live in Global E, and someone lives on the floor above mine. He has this friend who he invited to his dorm, and this friend started handing out what I heard was adderall but it might have been laced, and he started throwing a party, and he got very intoxicated, and he went to the other room, and he started throwing up inside of someone else's room.
  - Swartz: I would talk to Res Life
  - Reeves: People were asking me about this. And the elevator was vandalized
- Gianukakis: I live in Park Place, and there have been concerns about the Rosemary employees; they'll sit outside, smoke cigarettes, and leave them there. I'm not sure if this is a Res Life issue, but it has been brought up to me so many times. And our RAs have gone to Res Life.
  - Moores: Elon does not own Park Place. And the apartment manager is not the best, but I have been trying to work on it
- Swartz: Shoutout for having office hours for his constituents. I saw it on your Instagram. So cool!

#### Executive Vice President's Report - Oliver Keicher

- Challenge Course: Saturday 19th
- Retreat Info: \*INFORMATION WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL
  - October 2, Friday:
    - 3:45 Check-in La Rose Student Commons
    - 4 pm Welcome Activity w ELOA
    - 5 pm CFL Workshop
    - 6 pm Dinner
    - 7 pm CREDE Workshop
    - 8 pm Reflection
    - 8:30 pm Exit Ticket
  - Saturday, October 3
    - Meet in McMichael Lot
    - 7:45 am Breakfast
    - 8:00 am Vans leave from McMichael parking lot
    - 9:45 am Retreat and Schedule overview
    - 10 SGA Decision-Making Workshop

- 11 Committee Time- Building an Action Plan
- 1 Breakout Groups
  - Parli Pro Workshop with Speaker Agulnek
  - Brainstorming w/ EVP Keicher
- 2 Activity time
- 5 pm Funding Workshop w/ VPF Becker
- 6 pm Dinner
- 7 pm Building your SGA Elevator Pitch
- 8 Late Night Fun led by Speaker Ahgulneck
- 9 pm Campfire & S'mores
- Sunday
- 8 breakfast
- 84 pack up
- 9 Committee Reports
- 10 group photo
- What to bring:
  - Clothes
  - Toiletries
  - Twin bed sheets or sleeping bag
    - Rent a sleeping bag from ELOA (Monday-Friday, 12-5)
  - Homework
  - Snacks
  - Camera
  - Do **NOT** Bring:
    - Drugs (TROUBLE)
    - Alcohol (TROUBLE)
    - Expensive Items
- Notes:
  - Camp Hanes is a Christian-based summer camp; we are not subject to their beliefs
  - We will be sleeping in a cabin with bunk beds
  - For any requests, please let me or Dean Gregory know
- Winter: Is this form for high ropes?
  - Keicher: It is the same release form. We will be doing things outdoors for an hour
- Ellis: What do we put for the program date?
  - Keicher: Elon Challenge put 10/2
- Cooper: Bratic, Rahman, and I need to talk to you about the retreat

### Vice President of Finance's Report - Cayce Becker

- AF/MG Info Session
  - Sep 30th 12-1 pm Mosely 217
  - Oct 8th 2:30-3:30 pm Mosely 217
  - Let your friend know that they need to attend one or email Cayce to set up a time
- Q2: apx 67K
- Calendar
- Funded Events
  - Becker: What do you do when you have an in-person purchase?
    - Tor: Go to the student involvement office and talk to Jackie.
  - Becker: How do you do an online purchase?
    - Arellano-Perez: Just send the order over to Jackie or Cayce
  - Becker: When does Q1 end and when does Q2 start?
    - Patte: October 31/ November 1

### Vice President of Communication's Report - Tyler Mastrangelo

### Speaker of the Senate's Report - Ellie Agulnek

- When asking questions, remember the relevance of it at that time
- Be cautious of how many notes and the relevance of the notes that you are passing during the business meeting
- The time is *now* to turn ideas into action
  - Start discussing the legislation that you want to pass and how to make ideas into practical change
  - When you see a need for change, take a note
- 2 Takeaways and 2 Questions Discussion:
  - Winter: I was able to connect students who have come to student involvement; I was able to direct them to AK Strauss confidently and lend them the resources that are necessary
- Sustainability Master Plan Update - questions for Mira?
  - This was included in the Weekly Email, and it has been something SGA gives feedback on the past few years, so look over it
  - Are there any questions for Senator Ire:
    - Hart: What is your favorite part about it?
      - Iyer: I really like how renewable resources in Oklahoma were teaming up with 8 other universities to build a solar panel and help with renewable energy points

- Iyer: I would highly encourage you to look at the report, and at the bottom there is a QR code that shows progress metrics
- Family Weekend
  - The SGA office will be open if you want to show your parents
  - Ellie's Dad motions to accept the shoutout :)

#### Advisor's Report - Dean Gregory

- Those 'fix it' resources are helpful whenever something needs to be fixed or improved. The update on that report comes directly back to you to give you an update.
- The RaveGuardian app helps to keep you safe in the moment in real time so you can have someone come and address the situation to ensure a safe community
- Use the open forum as a space where members can share ideas while they are still in the beginning stages, rather than waiting until everything is already planned. Someone could say, "Hey, I have an idea," or "I'm trying to put something together," and invite others to collaborate and help build it from the ground up. This would make the open forum a space for collaboration, where members can find support and combine ideas,
- Our executive president will facilitate the convocation speaker this fall!
- Don't hesitate to reach out to Dean Gregory!

#### Senate Leadership Reports

- Gonzalez: The majors fair is October 6th from 4- 6 pm. It is not just for freshmen, and this year there will be extra resources at the fair this year
- Ellis: We are sending a SignUpGenius soon regarding silent disco
- Guider: We have our mentor/mentee reveal at the end of the meeting today!
- Putman:
  - Football v Maine Saturday
  - Women's Soccer Sunday
  - HOCO Candidates will be announced on Sunday

#### SGA Open Forum

- Kourembis: Flu Shots until Nov 9
- Capelle:
  - "My vote is my voice"
  - Nov 3: Election Date
  - Check Elon Votes for information
  - There is an event called civic engagement
- Iyer: A couple of days ago, the Office of Sustainability sent the 'Commuter Survey'
- Reeves: If you all have any ideas and want to write legislation, please let me know because I am interested in passing and collaborating on legislation!

- Winter: Student Involvement is planning to do a Center of Design Thinking workshop to discuss how to plan events and navigate Phoenix Connect better
- Jackson: A majority of the electric vehicle chargers are completely broken in the first-year lot, and as someone who has an EV, this is not in alignment with Elon's sustainability
  - Agulnek: Put in an Elon Fix It request
- Becker: I forgot to put this in my report, and we put signs up for Q2 funding, and I put out 10, and I only have 9, so if you find one, please bring it back to me
- Trendiest Senator: Capelle

Roll Call - Parliamentarian Davis

Cooper: Adjourn

Thomas: Second

**END TIME: 9:17pm**