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Spring break starts Friday afternoon



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## Students approve constitution

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Students approved the SGA's new constitution this week by a vote of 581-19.

The new constitution restructures the SGA Senate by adding representatives from organizations and academic majors.

The Student Government Association's new constitution will take effect, starting with SGA procedures, such as budget hearings.

Fewer than one-fifth of the student body voted Monday and Tuesday.

"Six hundred students is a lot for our campus. I wish that more had (voted). I think the location

and the two day elections helped," said SGA President Larry Williams.

Under the new constitution, fewer class representatives will be elected, but the SGA Senate will increase from 48 to 51.

The At Large Council, representing the academic classes, will have 27 senators. The Organization Council will have 16 senators. The Academic Council, representing academic majors, will have eight.

Also under the new constitution:

■ Senators can recommend suspending or disbanding of "inactive" student organizations;

■ SGA presidents have the option of saying "so help me, God" in their swearing-in oath;

■ SGA senators have the authority to recommend the disqualification of SGA candidates.

The new constitution was sent to Smith Jackson, Dean of Students, for approval. He supported the new constitution, but suggested grammatical corrections, Williams said.

Winners of the raffle were chosen Wednesday. SGA officials were scheduled to contact the winners. Prizes included \$250 toward books for this fall, gift certificates for local restaurants, and homecoming t-shirts.

"This has been the most involved the students have been in the SGA since I've been at Elon. I just hope this sets a precedent for future years," Williams said.



Ashton Newhall is one of the 600 students who voted for or against SGA's Constitution Tuesday.

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## Vice Presidential candidates voice their opinions about Elon

### Clair Myers takes stand on issues

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The third candidate for vice president met with faculty and students this week and he had something different on his side.

Clair Myers, candidate for vice president, has been a faculty member of Elon College since 1988.

Myers has been acting as interim vice president while the search has been conducted for vice president.

Sunday through Wednesday, Myers toured the campus talking with faculty, students and deans.

Myers had breakfast with students and answered their questions Tuesday.

"It was a really good question and answer period about his plans for Elon," said Kevin Gilmore, a student who attended the breakfast.

"A lot of it was geared toward the fact that Myers has been here and what he would continue to do," Gilmore said. "We wanted to know how much student involvement there would be in administration decisions."



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Vice President Candidate Clair Myers

Gilmore said that after the breakfast the students talked about whether it would be better for someone in-house to have the job or someone from the outside.

"We really didn't know. It was just something to think about. Myers knows Elon and knows how it works and that can have its strengths and weaknesses. You really have to think about it," Gilmore said.

Myers gave a speech on the "Future of Higher Education and the Private College" on Monday.

Myers focused most of his speech around facts and figures from studies done on the future of a private education. He talked about the kind of students private schools attract.

"Most score 1,000 or better on their  
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### Julianne Maher excited about Elon

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The second candidate for vice president visited Elon College March 15-17 and said she thought Elon has the private school feel she has been looking for.

"State colleges don't have the same feel," said Julianne Maher, during her speech on the "Future of Higher Education and the Private College" last Thursday.

Maher is dean of City College and associate professor of linguistics at Loyola University in New Orleans.

Maher said it is important for private colleges to develop their niche. "We need to know ourselves, the marketplace and have a strong communication and dialogue between the two," Maher said.

Maher said Elon's "values to education are real." She said she likes the leadership opportunities students are given.

"I am very excited about what Elon has done. They promote international experience that is far above Loyola," Maher said during her speech. "Students are presented



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Vice President Candidate Julianne Maher

with an understanding of the whole world, not just their own."

About 60 faculty and staff members attended the faculty presentation. Maher spoke for about 20 minutes, followed by a question and answer period.

Maher said if she was chosen for vice president she would want to know what each department wants concerning quality.

"The challenges in private higher education is a rapidly changing environment," Maher said. "Private schools are very vulnerable."

"We need to know what we are and what society wants us to be."

During the question and answer period, Maher, who looked relaxed at the podium,

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