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was "What is the current academic climate at Elon?" This question asked people to explore the status quo in areas such as ethics, evaluation, balancing time, ways of learning, outcomes and valuing the journey.

The second question was "What do we want to change to enhance the intellectual climate on Elon's campus?" While students, faculty and staff did not always agree on perceptions and recommendations, they did express a need to communicate their viewpoints and motivations and to be understood by others.

"This (academic summit) is an awakening type of period, a foundation for Elon's future," Matt Syno, the Student Government Associa-

tion representative on the summit planning committee, said. "Every year there should be a meeting so that the college can evaluate where they are and where they want to be."

There are several perceptions on the current status of Elon. One perception is that the social orientation overshadows intellectual development.

It is also felt that there is a personal, friendly and supportive environment because the faculty and staff are available.

Other things discussed were the beautiful campus and the differing views of what "being educated" means.

Changes to enhance the intellectual climate at Elon came down to basic ideals: increasing the level

of academic challenge, overlapping the intellectual and social realms, mutual respect in student-faculty relationships, clarifying faculty and student responsibilities for learning, effective use of time management skills, hiring additional faculty, emphasis on the learning culture at Elon during pre-orientation college tours and incentives to reward students, faculty and staff for their efforts in the context of learning, teaching and achievement.

A report of the changes proposed by the summit will be available at College Coffee on Wednesday, May 6. Members of the planning committee will also be available to answer questions. This report will become a key piece in the planning of Elon's academic future.

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time to spend with each student. Maher said it would also increase the number of specialty classes available.

Russell Gill, the dean of arts and humanities, said that full-time faculty tend to get more involved in the life of the college since they spend more time on campus.

"That translates into better teaching and better mentoring for

students," Gill said.

The faculty additions will be spread out across all divisions. Maher said the deans made requests as to the number of faculty they needed. The Dean's Council then prioritized the requests.

Among the new positions are two new communications professors, three new science professors and two new business professors.

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with the Platinum. I hope they extend campus dining hours next year though," said Todd Martin, a sophomore planning to live on campus next year.

Others don't think that a plan like the Platinum is necessary.

"Most people don't have enough time to eat three meals a day, they need a plan like Maroon that has the same amount of meals but is cheaper. The large declining balance isn't really that important,"

explained Emily Gardner, a freshman planning to live on campus for another year.

As far as cost, the Platinum plan will run \$2,675, the Gold \$2,382, and the Maroon \$2,456, very close to the range of prices of the old meal plans.



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