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SGA Executive President found guilty of minor charge



Martin reprimanded, required to write letter of apology for guests in SGA office after hours

Caitlin O'Donnell News Editor

After being charged with conduct unbecoming of a senator under Article 12 of the SGA Constitution for bringing unofficial guests into his SGA office, Executive President Taylor Martin has been found guilty of a minor charge by the SGA Judicial Committee in a vote of four to zero to zero.

Martin's sanction includes writing a formal letter of apology to the student body for his actions and a formal letter of reprimand from Judicial Committee chair Sam Warren, formally outlining his charges.

The charges under Article 12 were formally filed by Jana Lynn Patterson,

assistant vice president for Student Life, on Nov. 18, 2010 on the grounds of conduct that took place around 11:35 p.m. Nov. 12, 2010.

The informal hearing took place Thursday night after the formal SGA meeting, with senior Hillary Srsic serving as charging advocate and junior Rachel Long as defending advocate, both members of the Senate.

According to SGA's Constitution, the accused has an option of selecting a member of the Senate body as defending advocate. The charging advocate must be a Senator without a vested interest in the proceedings.

According to the official charge filed by Patterson, Martin was suspected of



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TOP: Rachel Long served as defending advocate for Martin (far left). Executive vice president Joe Slocum (second from right) and executive treasurer Matt Campbell (far right) attended the hearing. BOTTOM: Sam Warren (center) served as chair of the Judicial Committee.

bringing guests to his SGA office late on the night of Nov. 12, with alcohol present in the room.

Patterson was first notified of the conduct by student staff at the Moseley front desk, who reported they saw Martin enter Moseley, accompanied by two women and one man, after attending the Alpha Xi Delta sorority's

formal.

After waiting around five minutes, they reported walking to the SGA office and finding a light on inside, the external door locked and hearing people inside. According to the

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Re-envisioning the residential experience: Elon aims to integrate academics, social life of students

Becca Tynes

Elon University plans to enhance its students'residentialexperiencethrough the redesign and creation of seven campus neighborhoods, including Loy Center, Colonnades, Danieley Center, the Historic Neighborhood, the Oaks, the Global Neighborhood (formerly North area) and the Senior Neighborhood. Each new or recreated residential area will have unique features for students living on campus.

Included in this plan is the creation

of seven new residence halls, five Greek houses and several other town homes by 2020, creating approximately 1,600 living spaces for

students.

"We don't want

residential life to be disconnected from the rest of campus," said Jeff Stein, assistant to President Leo Lambert and secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Steinsaidhehopestheneighborhoods will transform culture and climate

around campus.

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"These neighborhoods will bring all of our strengths together so that

everything we value, including academics and engaged learning, is connected to the residential," he said.

According to Kevin O'Mara, co-chair for the committee with the new residential plan and professor of

management, students often have their academic, social and residential worlds

independent of one other. He said the university wants all three to become integrated.

"This plan is about enhancing the intellectual climate," O'Mara said. "We want students to feel like they're a part of something and to feel like they're a part of something even smaller than Elon. We believe these campus neighborhoods will provide that feeling."

Currently, 58 percent of students

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