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BEN WALDON, Class of 2013

"I plan to increase the transparency of SGA and will utilize Phoenix14 and The Pendulum to inform students about current issues. I will institute an open-door policy for students to walk into the SGA office to discuss their concerns."



DARIEN FLOWERS, Class of 2013

"My campaign is founded by three dominant principles of experience, transparency and relevancy. I plan to be the biggest advocate for Elon students on campus."



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KNOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

The race for the future of Elon's Student Government Association is on. Elections began at 9 a.m. Tuesday and will continue through 5 p.m. Wednesday, with the announcement of results scheduled for 6 p.m. Get to know this year's SGA candidates for the position of executive president and turn to page two for coverage of the other candidates' platforms and what you can expect from your newly-elected officials.

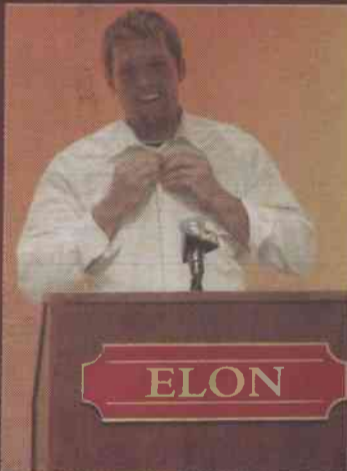
ALICIA JOHNSON, Class of 2013

"I will create a constant two-way feedback system for the senate and all of its constituents. This will give everyone the platform to voice their questions, comments and concerns about their community."



RYAN BUDDEN, Class of 2014

"My first goal for next year is to use my power as president to appoint a wide variety of people to SGA, which will in turn facilitate the flow of ideas from the student body to SGA."



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Trustees approve lowest increase in tuition since 2004

Grace Elkus
News Editor

The Elon University Board of Trustees recently approved the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget, which includes an undergraduate tuition increase of 3.99 percent. This increase is the smallest in tuition since the 2004-2005 academic year.

Tuition will total \$28,633 with room, board and fees set at \$9,827 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Finding a balance between improving the quality of Elon's programs and keeping the tuition price low is a top priority when setting the budget, according to Gerald Whittington, vice president of business, finance and technology.

"We are very aware of the national economy and the effects on students and their parents and try to have the least increase we can possibly have," he said.

Elon is consistently named a "Best Value School," and maintaining that reputation is part of The Elon Commitment, Whittington said. The other initiatives outlined in The Elon Commitment will continue to be provided for in the coming year despite such a minimal budget increase.

"The big take-away to me is it's the smallest increase since 2004-2005, but still we were able to provide for all the things in The Elon Commitment Strategic Plan that we needed to do," Whittington said. "I think there are some very exciting and interesting things to come out of that."

The budget will allow for the addition of 12 new full-time faculty positions and 28 new staff positions, continued investment in the Student Professional Development Center, expansion of Elon's study abroad programs, summer programs and domestic study away programs and a 9.5 percent increase in financial aid.

Before the budget is proposed to the Board of Trustees, it is seen and remodeled by a number of committees and faculty members, Whittington said. The process begins in late summer, when Whittington meets with President Leo Lambert and Provost Steven House to discuss the parameters for the upcoming year's budget.

"We want to make sure we moderate any tuition increases we've got as part of our Strategic Plan," Whittington said. "We get sort of a working template for development of the budget."

In the fall, the template is shared with the Board of Trustees' Executive Committee and the Business and Finance Committee. The proposal is ultimately received by the budget committee, which is made up of faculty members, staff members, House, Whittington and Gerry Francis, the executive vice president.

"We start the hard work of figuring out OK, how much revenue are we going to likely see, how much expenses do we have," Whittington said. "Every year, the requested increases are way up here and the revenues are way down here, and you end up having to whittle away until you find the very best ideas."

After two budget forums are held, the proposed budget is sent to Lambert. If approved, the budget moves to the Business and Finance Committee and then to the full Board of Trustees.

"The board takes its role very seriously, so we had a really excellent set of discussions," Whittington said. "There was good questioning about things, so that we're crystal clear about what we meant."

Candidates for new dean, librarian present vision for library

Mary Kate Brogan
Senior Reporter

The provost's office appointed a committee to select a new dean and university librarian to replace Kate Hickey, who is retiring from her current position. Nevertheless, the selection of the new dean and university librarian has been a university effort, according to Mary Wise, associate vice president of academic affairs and chair of the search committee.

"Because this is really a university position, not just a library position, we wanted to make sure that we heard widely from across the board," Wise said.

The committee went to a variety of university groups to seek input on what they were looking for in a new dean and university librarian before actually advertising and taking applications for the position, she said. The committee spoke to faculty, staff, librarians and members of programs such as the doctor of physical therapy program to find out what qualities and characteristics they would like to see in

the candidates.

"The first thing we look for in a candidate is (how they will assist) with The Elon Commitment," said Shannon Tennant, catalog librarian and member of the search committee. "We wanted someone with vision."

The committee narrowed down the nearly 100 applicants to seven people with whom they recently had video conferences to determine the final three candidates, Wise said. These three candidates were invited to campus to each give a presentation about the challenges and opportunities facing academic libraries in the 21st century and the role an academic library should play in the life of a university.

"Libraries are changing and constantly evolving in terms of technology," Tennant said. "We need somebody to represent the library to the larger community and be a strong advocate for the library on campus. We need somebody who is going to position us for what's here and what's coming."

The three candidates are Gail McClenney, deputy director of the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the

Atlanta University Center, Inc., Joan Ruelle, university librarian at Hollins University in Roanoke, Va. and Hedi BenAicha, director of the library at Rhode Island College.

"They all have very different experiences, and I'm anxious to see how the community values those experiences," Wise said. "They are not just the same qualities in three different packages. They are different packages and that's good."

Candidate presentations continue from Feb. 16-23. All members of the Elon community are allowed to attend.

"Candidates need to help the library serve 21st century students and the whole university because the library serves such a central role in university life for students," said senior Mary Kate Hinshaw, a library intern. "The new dean and university librarian needs to be able to set definitive goals and define where library should go."

Students who have attended candidates' presentations are asked to email Mary Wise at wisemary@elon.edu with their reactions to these presentations.