



Summary of Spring Meeting – April 19-20, 2024

During its meeting April 19-20, 2024, the Elon University Board of Trustees met in-person and via the Zoom videoconference platform, received updates on university business and initiatives, and took actions that included the following:

- President Connie Book provided updates on the university's growth, enrollment challenges due to FAFSA delays, and proactive measures taken by Elon. She emphasized the importance of STEM and liberal arts education and AI integration.
- Approval of previous meeting minutes, the corporate resolution, committee assignments, and naming opportunities.
- **Achievements:** Goldwater Scholarship award, record fellowship applications, and Elon's number one ranking for study abroad participation.
- **Mentoring Design Initiative:** Focus on creating an ecosystem of mentoring relationships across the university.
- **Academic and Extracurricular Success:** Updates from various schools and programs, including the Department of Engineering, School of Communications, and School of Health Sciences.
- **Enrollment Update:** Vice President Greg Zaiser provided an overview of the current admission cycle and proactive outreach efforts.
- **Brand Clarification:** Vice President Mike Haskins detailed the process to enhance Elon's national reputation.
- **Athletics Update:** Director Jenn Strawley discussed initiatives for student-athlete retention and insights from listening sessions with stakeholders.
- **Committee Reports:** Updates from the Academic Affairs, Advancement, Alumni, Athletics Policy, Audit, Campus Life, Finance and Administration, and Governance and Nominating Committees.
- **Inclusive Excellence:** Discussions on recruitment and retention of diverse faculty and students, and DEI initiatives.
- **Athletics:** Emphasis on balancing competitive success with academic excellence and broader university engagement.
- **Generative AI:** Presentation on the advance of AI and the launch of the Imagining the Digital Future Center.