



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

Senate Bill 331-045

Resolution 331-

I, Sydney Thayer, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

Approve

Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

The QTPOC Formal Act II

Sydney Thayer

President, 331st Student Assembly (23-24)

DATE: 2/28/24

331st Student Assembly
Senate Bill 331-045

A Bill

For Queer and Trans People of Color Visibility in the William & Mary Community

The QTPOC Formal Act II

An Act of the 331st Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Matthew Hwang ('25), Senator Hazel Vincet ('25), Senator Matt Swenson ('26), Class President Yannie Chang ('25)

Supported by Secretary of Diversity Initiatives Oscar Lazo ('25), Deputy Secretary of Diversity Initiatives William Henderson ('26), Undersecretary of LGBTQ+ Affairs Brigid Rawdon ('24)

WHEREAS, the College of William & Mary has continuously expressed its commitment to diversity and inclusion efforts through both community engagement and action;

WHEREAS, Pride Week, a week-long annual event dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ students on campus, does not have events catered to queer students of diverse, multicultural backgrounds

WHEREAS, Student Assembly co-hosted the first-ever QTPOC Formal in Spring 2023;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Student Assembly to continue to help foster an inclusive environment for trans, queer, students of color on campus;

WHEREAS, The Department of Diversity Initiatives is committed to using its resources to support and elevate an otherwise underrepresented community and has committed to lead the second annual QTPOC Formal, taking an active part in its planning and execution with support from QTPOC at W&M;

WHEREAS, the QTPOC Formal will be held on April 11th, 2023 at 9pm to 11pm in Tidewater AB;

WHEREAS, the 2024 QTPOC Formal will have the theme of "Cultural Futurism" to recognize and celebrate the intersectional identities of minority LGBTQ+ students at William & Mary.

WHEREAS, The 2024 QTPOC Formal will also celebrate notions of cultural identity, agency, and notion by celebrating art and activism that have supported the QTPOC community through its theme of futurism;

WHEREAS, the QTPOC Formal will include performances by student performers who are part of William and Mary's MCO and QTPOC community to showcase diversity and culture;

WHEREAS, Student Assembly strives to ensure that William & Mary upholds the promises of diversity and inclusivity, and encourages all necessary action to achieve this;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 331th Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocate \$1,725 from the Student Assembly Reserves to pay for:
 - a. Catering (\$500)
 - b. Decor (\$300)
 - c. DJ (\$500)
 - d. Furniture (\$400)
 - e. Flyers (\$25)
2. Encourages the members of the Senate of Student Assembly members to promote this event by sharing posts advertising the QTPOC Formal Event on Instagram and other social media channels, as well as charging Class Presidents with advertising this event in class emails.
3. Charges the Department of Diversity Initiatives with planning and execution of the QTPOC Formal Event.
4. Charges the Department of Outreach to get the word out through official SA social media
5. Stipulates that all unused funds go back to the Student Assembly Reserves.