



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

Senate Bill 329-

Resolution 329-

I, Meghana Boojala, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

Approve

Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

President, 329th Student Assembly (21-22)

DATE:

329th Student Assembly
Senate Bill 329-003

A Bill

To contribute funds towards the Class of 2020 Dance planned for the October Commencement Ceremony

The Class of 2020 Dance Funding Act

An Act of the 329th Student Assembly of William & Mary.

Sponsored by Chair of the Senate Owen Williams ('23)

WHEREAS, the Class of 2020 graduated in a virtual Commencement ceremony in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the pandemic caused the cancellation of many campus events, including many ceremonies and celebrations in which the Class of 2020 was planning to gather to celebrate their time at William & Mary;

WHEREAS, the Student Assembly oversees the allocation of the Student Activities Fee which students pay when they matriculate into William & Mary;

WHEREAS, each undergraduate class at William & Mary is provided with a budget for class events, including the Senior Class. A large portion of each class budget in their graduation year traditionally goes to supporting a senior class dance;

WHEREAS, in anticipation of a rescheduled Commencement for October 2020, the 328th Student Assembly held these funds to be applied to the rescheduled dance. At the end of Fiscal Year 2021 (ended June 30, 2021), these funds reverted to Reserves as no dance had yet occurred;

WHEREAS, the university has planned an in-person Commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020 to take place in October 2021 during homecoming weekend;

WHEREAS, the university has planned a dance for the Class of 2020 to occur during homecoming weekend, as a way for these students to reconnect and celebrate their accomplishments which they could not properly do in May 2020;

WHEREAS, the cost of this dance is typically \$15,000+ and the dance, under SA management, relies on ticket revenue to break-even;

WHEREAS, the university has determined it will not be charging the Class of 2020 any ticketing fees to participate in a deferred Senior Class Dance (or other Commencement activities not dependent on SA funding support);

WHEREAS, despite their graduation, the Class of 2020 is still entitled to benefit from a portion of the original budget allocation for the Senior Class Dance (provided by funds that they paid with their student activities fee);

WHEREAS, honoring our original financial commitment to the dance is a good way for Student Assembly to help support and honor the tradition that these graduates missed, by virtue of the cancellation of their own Commencement celebrations.

Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$3200 from the Student Assembly Reserves to demonstrate SA's support of the Class of 2020 and help defer the overall costs of the Senior Class Dance by providing the original budgeted allocation to the University Commencement Committee.