



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:



Meghana Boojala

President, 329th Student Assembly (21-22)

DATE:

329<sup>th</sup> Student Assembly  
Senate Bill 329-005

A Bill

*To fund a festival honoring the past, present, and future Black members of the William & Mary Community*

**The Sankofa Legacy Fest Act**

An Act of the 329<sup>th</sup> Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Shaunna Scott ('23)

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

WHEREAS, the 'Sankofa Seed' sculpture is an art installation created by Steve Prince, who is a distinguished artist in residence at the Muscarelle Museum of Art at William & Mary;

WHEREAS, the sculpture features a Sankofa bird, symbolizing looking at the past in order to move forward;

WHEREAS, both the Legacy Tribute Garden and the sculpture are meant to honor past, present, and future Black members of the William & Mary community;

WHEREAS, a ceremony to celebrate the sculpture and bring continuous awareness to the Black members of the William & Mary community would create an important ongoing legacy;

WHEREAS, having this celebration would show the evolution of William & Mary regarding Black culture and the progression to come;

WHEREAS, this event will occur around the Sunken Garden, the Wren Building, and the Legacy Garden;

WHEREAS, this event will showcase the arts from the African Diaspora including live performances, poetry, dance, history, and visual arts;

WHEREAS, these showcases will include both student and professional performances;

WHEREAS, there will be multiple African American inspired vendors for both food and crafts (around 3-4 for cuisine, and 5 for clothings and crafts);

WHEREAS, there will be a T-shirt and posters booth to raise proceeds for future Legacy Festivals;

WHEREAS, this 3-hour event will occur in the Fall Semester and will convene at sunset; WHEREAS, funding this celebration would show our support towards progression, acknowledging,

and learning from William & Mary's egregious history towards Black communities.

Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$7,010 from the Student Assembly Reserves for the celebration to fund the following:
  - a. The Day Program African Drummers, Hampton, Virginia (\$2,000)
  - b. No B.S. Brass Band, Richmond, Virginia (\$5,000)
  - c. Flyers (\$10).
2. Encourages the Student Assembly to contribute funding for the event annually.
3. Ensures that the event is properly publicized by being listed in the Student Happenings, newsletters, etc.
4. Stipulates that any unused funds be returned to the Student Assembly Reserves.