



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:

329th Student Assembly
Senate Bill 329-008

A Bill

To contribute funds towards housing/ lodging for Reggie Williams for a 4-day event on William & Mary's campus

The Reggie Williams Act

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

Sponsored by Senator Shaunna Scott (23)

WHEREAS, Reggie Williams is a distinguished former student-athlete and was the first African-American All-American linebacker in Ivy League history as well as inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, he has served on the City of Cincinnati's City Council and illustrated a strong stance for civil rights and other social justice issues;

WHEREAS, he has won multiple awards ranging from the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award in 1986 to the *Sports Illustrated*, Sportsman of the Year award;

WHEREAS, he was the Director of Sports Development for the Disney Corporation in the 1990s, and established Disney's 220-acre Wide World of Sports Complex in 1997;

WHEREAS, due to his business skills, the Disney sports business he helped build is now worth over two billion dollars;

WHEREAS, friends such as Muhammad Ali, Arthur Ashe, and Desmond Tutu all attest to Reggie Williams character as a person of great integrity, passion, skill, and resilience;

WHEREAS, it is an honor for him to visit William & Mary and talk to the students at the Business School, English Department, Wellness Center, Africana Department, and Athletics Department over a 4-day period;

WHEREAS, he will also be reading his memoir *Resilient by Nature* in Commonwealth Auditorium, Sadler Center, as well as having a book signing at the end on Thursday, October 7, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm;

WHEREAS, his colleague, English and Humanities Professor Henry Hart, is hoping to present him with an honorarium of \$10,000 donated from different departments/organizations on campus;

WHEREAS, the sum of the contributions so far is only \$7,000;

WHEREAS, supporting his housing costs would show our gratitude for his appearance on campus, events with students, and the work he has accomplished. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$1487.52 from the Student Assembly Reserves to fund the housing/lodging costs for Reggie Williams for 4 nights.
2. Stipulates that any unused funds be returned to Student Assembly Reserves.