



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:

A Bill

*To connect Student Assembly with the student body and more efficiently fund student projects and ideas*

**The Sprint Week Act**

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

Sponsored by Class President Vicka Heidt ('24) and Class President Conor Sokolowsky ('23)

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

Supported by Student Assembly President Meghana Boojala ('22)

WHEREAS, William & Mary students have diverse thoughts and ideas on how to improve campus life/culture/environment;

WHEREAS, our bureaucratic structure inherently inhibits maximal innovation and flexibility of funds;

WHEREAS, it is impossible for Senators to be able to hear *all* possible student opinions, thoughts, and ideas and translate those into bills within a reasonable timeframe;

WHEREAS, this initiative will better connect Senator platforms with constituent needs, while at the same time create Senatorial bandwidth to focus on larger-picture issues on campus,

WHEREAS, our Reserves increased by more than marginal amounts through COVID due to a lack of expenditures;

WHEREAS, there are currently no existing resources for students/organizations to effectively address issues that impact their daily lives, including improvements, campus decor, etc.;

WHEREAS, there are currently no existing resources for students/organizations to effectively address larger issues on campus, including environmental sustainability, social injustices, etc.;

WHEREAS, there can be a disconnect between the needs of student organizations and students and the current projects of the Student Assembly;

WHEREAS, the Student Assembly does not have the same budget restrictions as RSOs on campus and has the capability to fund additional projects.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Creates "SA Sprint Week," a week where student organizations or individual students can submit an idea in-person or via Google Form to be sponsored and/or funded by a Senate bill and learn more about the various departments and committees within SA;

- a. Divides the week of October 4th to 8th as:
    - i. Monday - College Policy & Student Rights
    - ii. Tuesday - Diversity and Accessibility Initiatives
    - iii. Wednesday - Health and Safety & Sustainability
    - iv. Thursday - Student Life & Academic Affairs
    - v. Friday - Public Affairs & Other
  - b. Charges SA members to table on Sadler Terrace from 12-2 PM to talk about current initiatives within departments and walk students through submitting an idea proposal;
  - c. Students can win a free or discounted homecoming shirt if their idea is selected;
  - d. Students can continue to submit idea requests until the end of the semester or until the fund is completely utilized;
2. Charges the Student Life Committee within the Senate to look over proposals and ensure that required components are included in the GoogleForm for ease when discussing feasibility during Senate;
    - a. Student Life will read through each bill application and objectively determine if the project/submitted proposal has all the necessary information to be presented and debated on during Senate;
    - b. The proposals that meet the criteria created by Student Life will be sent to Finance Committee to evaluate if the project falls under Student Assembly purview;
    - c. If the application does not fall under SA purview, charges Student Life to connect the student to the relevant administrative entity to help solve/fund their problem;
    - d. If the application passes these first two checkpoints, the Secretary of Student Life will reach out to the student(s) or organization that submitted the bill proposal and ask if they will present their idea to Senate;
    - e. The Senate will evaluate each bill and vote on whether or not to fund or execute the idea;
    - f. For each approved idea, Senators will be volunteer to sponsor the initiative and manage its execution;
    - g. This process will occur on a rolling basis.
  3. Allocates up to \$5,000 from the Student Assembly Reserves to be available to fund projects until the end of the 2021-2022 academic year
  4. Calls upon the sponsors of this bill, the Outreach Department, and any SA member who would like to get involved to prepare the following:
    - a. A form for idea proposals that contains information that a traditional bill would provide;
    - b. A tabling sign-up sheet to table at Sadler Terrace from 12-2 pm throughout SA Sprint Week;
    - c. Outreach material.
  5. Stipulates that any unused funds remain in Student Assembly Reserves.