



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

Senate Bill 329-

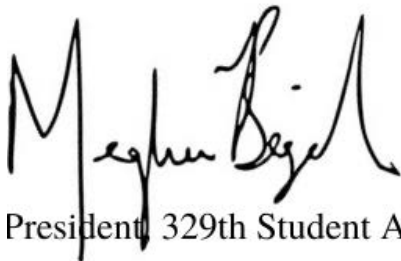
Resolution 329-

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 fund the addition of 3 more compost bins around campus*

**Three More Compost Bins Around Campus Act**

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

Sponsored by Senator Vicky Morales ('22) & Senator Taylor Fox ('24)

Supported by Secretary of Sustainability Taima Al-Iriani ('22) & Student Life Committee

WHEREAS, SR 327-002: The Sustainability Climate Action Resolution, passed by Student Assembly February 2021, stated that we “affirm our dedication to reduce the College of William & Mary’s carbon footprint in conjunction with the administration by ... advocating that every residential area come equipped with a convenient location for personal composting”;

WHEREAS, the William & Mary campus composting program was established in 2010 as a result of a contract between William & Mary Dining and Natural Organic Process Enterprise (NOPE) LLC;

WHEREAS, William & Mary’s Sustainability Plan for FY2019-FY2024 states the goal of increasing “access and efficiencies of diverting consumable food and compostable waste from the landfill by 2022”;

WHEREAS, there are already multiple public compost locations around campus, 11 of which were funded by SB 328-003 **The More Compost Bins Around Campus Act** and **The Even More Compost Bins Around Campus Act**;

WHEREAS, Dining Sustainability has seen an increase in demand for composting and increasing accessibility to composting bins by placing more in more spaces around campus;

WHEREAS, there has been increased student advocacy for additional composting opportunities around campus, including an op-ed in *The Flat Hat* that said, “If composting is to become a truly priority across campus, more compost bins must be placed where students are able to access and use them frequently.”<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS, NOPE estimates the cost of \$136 per compost bin and recommends 3 96-gallon bins be added to maximize impact;

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<sup>1</sup> Byrne, Alexandra. “Lack of campus composting options harms student body,” *The Flat Hat*.  
<http://flathatnews.com/2019/11/18/lack-of-campus-composting-options-harms-student-body/>

WHEREAS, the recommended placement of the bins would be in populated and trafficked areas pursuant to agreement by those charged with the execution of this bill. These locations most likely would be by Washington Hall, by Swem, and the Raymond A. Mason School of Business.

Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$410 from the Student Assembly Reserves for the following:
  - a. \$410 for 3 compost bins
2. Charges the Department of Outreach with creating a flyer and advertising the existing and new compost bins.
3. Stipulates that all unused funds be returned to Student Assembly Reserves
4. Charges the dining sustainability interns and the Secretary and Undersecretaries of Sustainability with securing university approval for bin placement in designated locations and then preparing and placing the compost bins around campus.