



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:

329<sup>th</sup> Student Assembly,  
Senate Bill 329-049

A Bill

*A Student Assembly sponsored event to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the admittance of Chen Pu-Kao 陈步高 '23, the first student from Asia, and to celebrate and highlight the contributions and experiences of the preceding and present generations of Asian, Pacific Islander, and Middle Eastern students at William & Mary.*

**The Asian Centennial Ball Act**

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

Sponsored by Senator Eugene Lee ('23), Senator Hank Hermens ('22), Senator Matthew Hwang ('25), Senator Hashir Aqeel ('25), Senator Regina Chaillo ('25), Class President Yannie Chang ('25)

Supported by Senator Sean Nguyen ('25), Senator Taylor Fox ('24), Secretary of Diversity Initiatives Victor Adejayan ('23), President of Filipino American Student Association Camille Zeraat ('22), President of Korean American Student Association Melodi Beynam ('23), President of Chinese Student Organization Irene Liu ('23), External President of South Asian Student Association Sreya Mallipeddi ('23), Internal President of South Asian Student Association Abhishek Goel ('23), President of Vietnamese Student Association Kenneth Tieu ('23), President of Taiwanese American Student Association Emily Lo ('23), Director of Asian American Student Initiative Grace Liscomb ('23), Student Assembly President Meghana Boojala ('22), Chair of the Senate Owen Williams ('23), Senator Maheen Saeed ('23)

WHEREAS, the William & Mary has continuously expressed its commitment to diversity and inclusion efforts through both community engagement and action;

WHEREAS, the Asian Centennial marks a historic milestone in the progress of Asian, Pacific Islander, and Middle Eastern students here at William & Mary and is a time to highlight the significant achievements of those students, past and present;

WHEREAS, the cancellation of the Royal Ball has generated great disappointment among the student body and therefore, as the primary sponsor of the event, it is imperative that Student Assembly organizes the Asian Centennial Ball in its place;

WHEREAS, there has not been an event to this scale at the William & Mary which caters towards the generation of visibility and appreciation of the AAPI community;

WHEREAS, in a time of rising hate crimes and racially charged rhetoric against the AAPI community during the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is essential that William & Mary and Student Assembly provides support to our AAPI student population by hosting an inclusive and safe environment;

WHEREAS, the passage of SR 327-004 Solidarity With the Asian Community Resolution affirms Student Assembly's dedication to create an inclusive and safe environment for all students, regardless of race or ethnicity;

WHEREAS, the passage of SR 327-004 Solidarity With the Asian Community Resolution was in response to the racial attacks and discrimination towards the AAPI community and to show support to the affected communities, therefore, recognizes the importance and influence of multicultural organizations on campus;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 2 of SR 327-004 the Solidarity With the Asian Community Resolution, Student Assembly is charged with the development of methods to increase awareness that highlight past and current situations of Asian-Americans on campus and off-campus;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 5 of SR 327-004 the Solidarity With the Asian Community Resolution, Student assembly is recommended to establish the the third week of April as "Asian and Asian-American Solidarity Week," "Solidarity with the Asian and Asian-American Community Week," etc., as the Student Assembly sees fit, and therefore, the Asian Centennial Ball will aid in the support of this mission;

WHEREAS, the celebration of the Asian Centennial at William & Mary has been largely negligent of the Asian, Pacific Islander, and Middle Eastern multicultural student organizations' voices, particularly with the lack of student body input in regards to their respective cultural recognition at the Charter Day ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Student Assembly strives to ensure that William & Mary upholds the promises of diversity and inclusivity and encourages all necessary action to achieve this;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$16,105 from the Student Assembly Reserves to support the costs of the Asian Centennial Ball that will be held on the Sunken Gardens on April 22, 2022 at 7:00pm:
  - a. \$8,000 for Catering & Food
  - b. \$2,000 for subsidized rental costs of tent, chairs, and tables (in partnership with Advancement for Traditions Weekend)
  - c. \$1,800 for rental and installation labor for a dance floor
  - d. \$1,000 for linens
  - e. \$1,000 for Facilities Management (bathrooms, trash, electricity)
  - f. \$800 for event security

- g. \$700 for stage (installation labor)
  - h. \$500 for decorations
  - i. \$275 for DJ fees
  - j. \$30 for flyers
2. Charges the members of the Senate of Student Assembly to share posts advertising the Asian Centennial Ball on Instagram and other channels of social media, and/or assist the Department of Outreach in hanging flyers/posters/other physical advertisements on campus, as well as charging Class Presidents with advertising this event in class emails.
  3. Encourages the members of the Student Assembly to attend the event in order to connect with the broader AAPI student community at William & Mary and to reinforce Student Assembly's commitment to diversity & inclusion initiatives and efforts.
  4. Stipulates that all unused funds be returned to the Student Assembly Reserves.