



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

Senate Bill 330-

Resolution 330-

I, John Cho, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

Approve

Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

President, 330th Student Assembly (22-23)

DATE:

A Bill

To embrace different multicultural backgrounds on campus and “revamp” the traditional beauty pageant standard

The Culture Pageant Act

An Act of the 330th Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Shaunna Scott ('23)

Supported by Senator Daniel Bess ('24), Secretary of Diversity Initiatives Victor Adejayan ('23), Undersecretary of Multicultural Affairs Chance Jimenez ('23), Senator Trinity Bea (Education '23), Class President Maheen Saeed ('23) Secretary of Student Life Taylor Fox ('24), Senator Max Berckmueller ('23), Senator Aparna Parlapalli ('23)

WHEREAS, beauty pageants can reinforce classism, sexism, colorism, and texturism by adhering to the “traditional” beauty standards that are created and celebrated by mainstream media which exclude POCs;

WHEREAS, creating a new name for beauty pageants would be extremely beneficial for students of color and encourage them to embrace their individuality and respective cultures by creating an environment that embodies representation in all areas;

WHEREAS, the Culture Pageant will focus on being accessible to students of any race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic status, etc;

WHEREAS, this pageant serves a greater purpose of making a safe space for students of color when historically, the school has advocated for the opposite;

WHEREAS, we will still showcase the talent, dress, and interview portion, except there will be no limitations on any of the categories. Students are allowed to express themselves freely through the dress and talent portion. The goal is to fully embrace the individualism of the contestant however they see fit. In order to make this as inclusive as possible, students are given full autonomy on what they want to wear or showcase. Additionally, we are not seeking “model” answers from contestants in the interview portion, but rather intend to showcase their personalities;

WHEREAS, this event will be held on November 13th in Sadler Center, Commonwealth Auditorium.

Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$60 from the Student Assembly Reserves to fund the following:
 - a. Decor
 - i. 2 crowns

1. https://www.amazon.com/SWEETV-Rhinestone-Headband-Princess-Accessories/dp/B08C7T4MZK/ref=sr_1_6?crid=32TEJ4T4DNNLF&keywords=vintage+royal+queen+teardrop+rhinestone+diadem+tiaras&qid=1665462639&qu=eyJxc2MiOiIwLjAwIiwicXNhIjojMC4wMCIIsInFzcCI6IjAuMDAifQ%3D%3D&sprefix=vintage+royal+queen+teardrop+rhinestone+diadem+tiaras%2Caps%2C64&sr=8-6
2. Stipulates that any unused funds be returned to the Student Assembly Reserves.