



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:

330th Student Assembly
Senate Bill 330-013

A Bill

To fund a festival honoring the past, present, and future Black members of the William & Mary Community

The Second Annual Sankofa Legacy Festival Act

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

Sponsored by Senator Shaunna Scott ('23)

Supported by Class President Maheen Saeed ('23), Undersecretary of Multicultural Affairs Chance Jimenez ('23), Secretary of Student Life Taylor Fox ('24), Senator Trinity Bea ('23), Senator Aparna

Parlapalli ('23), Senator Max Berckmueller ('23)

WHEREAS, the 'Sankofa Seed' sculpture is an art installation created by Steve Prince, who is a distinguished artist in residence at the Muscarelle Museum of Art at William & Mary;

WHEREAS, the sculpture features a Sankofa bird, symbolizing looking at the past in order to move forward;

WHEREAS, both the Legacy Tribute Garden and the sculpture are meant to honor past, present, and future Black members of the William & Mary community;

WHEREAS, a ceremony to celebrate the sculpture and bring continuous awareness to the Black members of the William & Mary community would create an important ongoing legacy;

WHEREAS, having this celebration would show the evolution of William & Mary regarding Black culture and the progression to come;

WHEREAS, this event will occur in the Sunken Garden;

WHEREAS, this event will showcase the arts from the African Diaspora including live performances, poetry, dance, history, and visual arts;

WHEREAS, these showcases will include both student and professional performances;

WHEREAS, there will be multiple African American inspired vendors for both food and crafts (around 3-4 for cuisine, and 5 for clothings and crafts);

WHEREAS, this event will be held in late early December, it will start at noon and convene at sunset;

WHEREAS, this event occurred last year and was a huge success;

WHEREAS, funding this celebration would show our support towards progression, acknowledging,

and learning from William & Mary's egregious history towards Black communities.

Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$4,350 from the Student Assembly Reserves for the celebration to fund the following:
 - a. Party Vibez Bands (\$2,500)
 - b. Stage (\$450)
 - c. Tables & Chairs (\$400)
 - d. Sound (\$1000)
2. Encourages the Student Assembly to contribute funding for the event annually.
3. Stipulates that any unused funds be returned to the Student Assembly Reserves.