



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 332- **009**
- Resolution 332-

I, Terra Sloane, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

- Approve
- Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

STEM Supplies for WMSURE Scholars Act

Terra M. Sloane
President, 332nd Student Assembly (24-25)

DATE: **5/11/24**

332nd Student Assembly,
Senate Bill 332-010

A Bill

To allocate funding for free STEM class supplies for incoming WMSURE students

The STEM Supplies for WMSURE Scholars Act

An Act of the 332nd Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Soleil Garnett ('24), Senator Mayer Tawfik ('27), and Senator Tyson Liverman ('27)

Co-sponsored by

Supported by WMSURE Co-Director Prof. Iyabo Osiapem, WMSURE Co-Director Prof. Katherine Barko-Alva, WMSURE Program Coordinator and Former Student Assembly President Anthony Joseph ('21)

WHEREAS, the William & Mary Scholars Award is a 4-year full-tuition scholarship presented to incoming freshmen with diverse backgrounds, talents, and experiences;

WHEREAS, the William & Mary Scholars Undergraduate Research Experience (WMSURE) supports W&M Scholars through weekly workshops, peer mentoring, and research opportunities;

WHEREAS, expensive supplies may be inaccessible to W&M Scholars due to socioeconomic gaps;

WHEREAS, the WMSURE office supports its' students by providing numerous financial and material resources including (but not limited to) free printing, mini-grants, and research stipends;

WHEREAS, William & Mary's commitment to cover tuition and fees for those who receive a Pell Grant highlights the university's ongoing effort to diversify the student body and support students of all economic backgrounds;

WHEREAS, class supplies aren't factored into a student's tuition and therefore are not covered by scholarships or financial aid, requiring that students pay for them out of pocket;

WHEREAS, (STEM students may begin their first semester by paying at least \$200 to pay for STEM supplies alone);

WHEREAS, the WMSURE office aims to support more than just exclusively W&M Scholar recipients, by accepting incoming freshmen into the WMSURE program if they attend other open campus freshmen programs (including the PLUS program), thus making the WMSURE program non-exclusive;

WHEREAS, WMSURE's mission and outreach to those in need within the greater student body aligns with the Senate's responsibility to uplift student experiences for ALL students;

WHEREAS, these supplies would be available to students to check out on a temporary basis to allow new freshmen classes to take advantage of this resource;

WHEREAS, the WMSURE office has committed to replacing any lost or out-of-date supplies, making this a one-time expense and long-term investment in both WMSURE and the greater study body;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Charges the William & Mary Scholars Undergraduate Research Office to distribute the supplies to the WMSURE STEM students who face economic hardships;
2. Allocates \$2,738.03 from the Student Assembly Reserves for the supplies;
 - a. \$2,738.03 for the costs of 50 STEM class supplies;
 - i. 25 TI-84 Scientific Calculators: \$2512.25
 - ii. 60 Protective Safety Goggles: \$85.98
 - iii. 20 Protractor Sets: \$139.8
3. Stipulates that all unused funds will return to the Student Assembly reserves.