



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 332- 013
 Resolution 332-

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

- Approve
 Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

The Going to the Grads Act of 332nd Student Assembly

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

DATE: 9/25/24

332nd Student Assembly
Senate Bill 332-013

A Bill

To Reaffirm Student Assemblies Commitment to Graduate Student Engagement

The Going to the Grads Act of 332nd Student Assembly

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

Sponsored by Senator Connor M. O'Neill (Law), Senator S. Connor Cheadle (Law)

Co-sponsored by Senator Morgan J. Brittain (Graduate A&S), Senator Vedant Singh (Business),
Senator Seyda Celci (Business)

Supported by Class President Zoe Wang ('26)

WHEREAS, William & Mary has five graduate institutions that routinely send representatives to the Student Assembly, including the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), Arts & Sciences, School of Business, School of Education, and Law School;

WHEREAS, these graduate schools have, collectively, more than 2700 students, all of whom are represented under the umbrella of Student Assembly, who make up approximately twenty-eight percent of our student population, most of whom pay the student activity fees the Student Assembly is entrusted to steward;

WHEREAS, the Student Assembly is tasked with being the premier representative body of the student body of William & Mary, including graduate and professional students;

WHEREAS, the physical presence of a governing body can have an impact on the perceived connection of that body to its constituents;

WHEREAS, Student Assembly has little connection to graduate schools' individual governance organizations aside from their representatives to Senate;

WHEREAS, it can be difficult for graduate students who are not their school's designated representative to participate and advocate in the Student Assembly of William & Mary due to the spatial separation between main campus and many of the individual graduate and professional schools;

WHEREAS, Student Assembly leaders have undertaken efforts to better include graduate students in student life, student activities fee administration, and student governance at William & Mary, and this bill represents only one such effort;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Charges the Chair of the Student Assembly Senate and Graduate Senators with scheduling a Senate meeting at each graduate school that sends a representative to Student Assembly during each of the sessions when that school is represented:
 - a. The Chair shall be responsible for:
 - i. Scheduling which school will host when, using relevant criteria and providing notification to that school's representative at least a month in advance.
 - ii. Organizing transportation, as needed, for senators to travel to these meetings.
 - b. Graduate senators shall be responsible for:
 - i. Preparing to host the Senate by reserving an appropriate room.
 - ii. Inviting the student and administrative leadership of their school to deliver remarks during the meeting at their school.
 - iii. Informing appropriate persons of the location of the meeting at their school at least two weeks in advance.
 - iv. Arranging other appropriate activities, such as tours, to take place during the visit to their school, as possible within the time parameters.
2. Allocates up to \$300 from the Student Assembly Reserves for the potential provisioning of light refreshments, and or securing of accommodations.
3. Stipulates that all unused funds will be returned to the Student Assembly Reserves.
4. Charges the Department of Outreach with providing the student body with the schedule and locations of Student Assembly meetings for these special meetings as early as possible.
5. Charges the bill's sponsors with pursuing additional efforts to aid graduate student representation and inclusion at William & Mary.