



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 331- **029**
- Resolution 331-

I, Sydney Thayer, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

- Approve
- Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

DANCE - Royal Ball 2024

Sydney Thayer

President, 331st Student Assembly (23-24)

DATE: **11/29/23**

331st Student Assembly,
Senate Bill 331-029

A Bill

Supplement funding for the William & Mary Royal Ball

The Dazzling Annual Night of Celebratory Elegance (DANCE II): The William & Mary End-of-Year Royal Ball of Dancing Under the Stars and Reveley the Griffin Part II Act

An Act of the 331st Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Sean Nguyen ('25), Justin Bailey ('24)

Supported by Vice President Taylor Fox ('24)

WHEREAS, the Royal Ball serves as a cherished occasion for the entire William & Mary student community to commemorate the conclusion of the academic year with an elegant gala under the Sunken Garden, replete with culinary delights, Reveley the Griffin, music, and a festive atmosphere that endures into the night, culminating in the president's ceremonial toast and a rendition of the alma mater;

WHEREAS, the subsequent Royal Ball is slated for the evening of Friday, April 19th, extending from 8:30 PM until midnight;

WHEREAS, following a three-year hiatus necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Royal Ball made its triumphant return last year, garnering enthusiasm as evidenced by over one thousand student attendees and overwhelmingly positive feedback for the event's diverse offerings;

WHEREAS, the previous iteration of the Royal Ball showcased an array of student-led acapella and dance groups. Notable moments included President Rowe's poignant toast, photo sessions with the institution's mascot, and a raffle that allowed attendees the opportunity to acquire tickets to a Sean Kingston performance;

WHEREAS, the Royal Ball epitomizes a seminal tradition within the William & Mary tradition that enhances the collective spirit, with this year's event poised to reflect on the academic year's achievements and milestones;

WHEREAS, *SB 330-048: The Consolidated Appropriations Act* previously earmarked \$30,000 for the 2024 Royal Ball, with the current proposal aiming to enhance this funding to ensure the event remains complimentary for all participants;

WHEREAS, this background for Student Assembly on the Royal Ball underscores past expenditures, ticket sales, and budget information, and this spreadsheet exhibits the budget from the 2023 Royal Ball totaling \$45,000;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates an additional \$15,000 from the Student Assembly Reserves to subsidize various expenses for the forthcoming Royal Ball, scheduled to occur in the Sunken Gardens on Friday, April 19th, 2023, beginning at 8:30 PM.
 - a. These funds will cover the DJ, catering, security, a shared tent cost with the Office of University Advancement, event infrastructure from WER, decorations, event features like a photo booth and lighting, and commemorative merchandise.
2. Charges the members of the Senate of the Student Assembly to promote the event on social media and assist in posting physical advertisements across campus. Class Presidents are also charged with notifying their classes via email, ensuring thorough communication with all students.
3. Stipulates that all unused funds be returned to the Student Assembly Reserves.