



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 331- 012
 Resolution 331-

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

- Approve
 Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

The Joining Oswald Keynote Encore (JOKE) Act

Sydney Thayer

President, 331st Student Assembly (23-24)

DATE: 8/15/23

331st Student Assembly
Senate Bill 331-012

A Bill

To support Patton Oswalt's performances for the 'Year of the Arts' and the renovated Phi Beta Kappa Hall Theatre unveiling

The Joining Oswalt: Keynote Encore (JOKE) Act

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

Sponsored by Senator Sean Nguyen ('25) and Senator Matt Swenson ('26)

Supported by Senator Hazel Vineet ('25)

WHEREAS, Patton Oswalt '91 is a well-known comedian and proud graduate of the W&M community;

WHEREAS, while Oswalt gave an important speech as the Class of 2023 Commencement speaker, many current, non-graduating students missed out on hearing him;

WHEREAS, Oswalt has expressed interest in returning to W&M to perform for a broader group of students;

WHEREAS, W&M has designated the academic year 2023-24 as the 'Year of the Arts,' emphasizing the importance of art and performance;

WHEREAS, comedy is an underappreciated, yet widely accessible and enjoyable form of performance art;

WHEREAS, the updated Theatre in Phi Beta Kappa Hall is set to officially open during Homecoming Weekend 2023 from October 20th to 22nd;

WHEREAS, in line with William & Mary's goal for students to enjoy the new Theatre, Oswalt has agreed to do two shows on October 23rd, each for 500 people, mainly students. Tickets will be given out through a fair lottery system for the 1,000 available seats;

WHEREAS, Student Assembly has the responsibility to support events that highlight the 'Year of the Arts' for 23-24;

WHEREAS, the cost of hosting Patton Oswalt for the two shows is \$60,000.

WHEREAS, key supporters of this event include Alma Mater Productions (using their \$10,000 Homecoming Comedian Budget), the President's Office, and University Advancement, who will contribute \$30,000, or half, of the cost;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$30,000 from the Student Assembly Reserves to support Patton Oswalt's performance fee.
2. Charges the following to advertise the event:
 - a. The Department of Outreach to promote the event on Student Assembly social media accounts, and to create a flier that can be printed and posted on social media.
 - b. Members of the Senate to repost fliers on Instagram and promote the event via group chats, and other formats of social media.
3. Charges the sponsors of the bill to carry out the preparation and oversight of this event.