



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 331- **023**
- Resolution 331-

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

- Approve
- Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

The 2nd Annual Green & Gold Bash

Sydney Thayer

President, 331st Student Assembly (23-24)

DATE: **10/25/23**

331st Student Assembly,
Senate Bill 331-023

A Bill

A Student Assembly & AMP co-sponsored community-wide event to promote celebration amongst students during the Charter Day Weekend

The Second Annual Green and Gold Bash

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

Sponsored by Chair of the Senate, Sen. Justin Bailey ('24),

Co-Sponsored by

Supported by Vice President Taylor Fox ('24)

WHEREAS, The second oldest institution of higher learning in this country, and the only one established through a royal decree, "The College of William and Mary in Virginia" was founded in 1693 through a Royal Charter issued by King William III and Queen Mary II;

WHEREAS, On Charter Day, we will collectively take a moment to look back at our past to see where we have come and celebrate how far we have come. We aim to celebrate the diversity, service, and never-ending passion of our community;

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the land that we colonized and currently occupy dispossessing land from the following Indigenous communities: the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway), Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Mattaponi, Monacan, Nansemond, Nottoway, Pamunkey, Patowomeck, Upper Mattaponi, and Rappahannock tribes – and we pay our respect to their tribal members past and present. We also remember the human beings that the university enslaved. Their labor built the campus where we walk, live, and learn today;

WHEREAS, On February 8, 1693, King William III and Queen Mary II of England signed the charter for a "perpetual College of Divinity, Philosophy, Languages, and other good Arts and Sciences" to be founded in the Virginia Colony. William and Mary has since grown to be more than that one statement because of the students;

WHEREAS, Students who attend William & Mary have advanced the mission and values of W&M by becoming creative thinkers, principled leaders, and compassionate global citizens equipped for lives of meaning and distinction;

WHEREAS, To celebrate the students who make the family we call the "tribe" as well as how the institution of William & Mary continues to grow we want to allow students to have a break from academics, celebrate their accomplishments, and the university;

WHEREAS, Charter Day festivities have not traditionally been student-centered or focused on

celebratory activities planned **BY** students **FOR** students and such a campus-wide birthday celebration would bring enhancement to the campus community;

WHEREAS, Student Assembly funds experiences for students that build community and this initiative is no different from that. In addition, Student Assembly has the opportunity to mindfully pay attention to larger than average reserves from pandemic restrictions (FY20-FY22), and a campus-wide event, in honor of a university milestone, is an excellent initiative to spend some reserves on an event that is open to all students;

WHEREAS, The first iteration of Green and Gold Bash was a success with at least 450 students in attendance, and created a student-focused event based on university traditions.

WHEREAS, In the 331st year of William and Mary, we are celebrating the year of the arts. William & Mary celebrates 2023-24 as the Year of the Arts. With programming anchored by the opening of the new **Arts Quarter** in fall 2023 and major events at Homecoming, the Year of the Arts will amplify the crucial importance of arts education in the 21st century and highlight the vital role that the arts play in all facets of W&M's educational experience.

WHEREAS, In this iteration of Green and Gold Bash, we will be creating an interactive art piece, speaking to the community values of William & Mary and revealing this art piece at the event;

WHEREAS, this event will be co-sponsored with Alma Mater Productions.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

- Allocates up to \$28,000 in funding to support the Charter Day Green and Gold Bash
- Anticipated expenditures include:
 - Band/DJ Contracting: ~\$1000
 - Catering: ~\$9,000
 - Entertainment enhancements (photo booth, select vendors, tentative “royal court” selection): ~\$11,000
 - Interactive Art Installation- ~\$3,000
 - Charges the Department of Outreach with promoting the event to students.
- Charges the Green and Gold bash committee with planning and executing the event.
- Stipulates all unused funds to be returned to the Student Assembly Reserves.