



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 331- **049**
 Resolution 331-

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

- Approve
 Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

Intro to American Sign Language Act

Sydney Thayer

President, 331st Student Assembly (23-24)

DATE: **3/6/24**

331st Student Assembly
Senate Bill 331-049

A Bill

To provide cultural awareness of the Deaf community and ASL!

Intro to American Sign Language Act

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

Sponsored by President Yannic Chang ('25), Senator Matthew Hwang ('25)

Supported by Undersecretary of Disability Initiatives Allison Stovall ('25), ASL Club President Ella Briggs ('25), ASL Club Secretary Isabella Strong ('25), ASL Club Treasurer Grier Whitely ('25), ASL Club Vice President and Undersecretary of Academic Affairs Grace Rivera ('26), ASL Club Media Chair Elise Overton ('25), Secretary of Diversity Initiatives Oscar Lazo ('25)

WHEREAS, This event is intended to raise awareness around deaf culture and community through an introduction to American Sign Language(ASL), keynote speaker, and encouragement of expanding ASL education at William & Mary;

WHEREAS, Student Assembly supports a return for an American Sign Language course to be offered at William and Mary;

WHEREAS, William & Mary Swem Library currently provides free ASL courses for William & Mary students, faculty and staff. The current course has been filled at 20 seats and has experienced overwhelming interest with a running waitlist;

WHEREAS, ASL classes were offered for three years at William & Mary from 2001 to 2004;

WHEREAS, The deaf community and broader disabled community is often overlooked and underrepresented. Student Assembly has a responsibility to advocate and encourage events for all students;

WHEREAS, The event will consist of a guest speaker, presentation given by ASL club and teaching of basic phrases in ASL which will be followed by interactive group ASL conversations between attendees;

WHEREAS, all the unused stickers will be distributed by Student Assembly beyond just the event to assist in providing continued visibility around deaf culture and the ASL community at William & Mary;

WHEREAS, Student Assembly has not hosted a similar event with and this will be the first time a wide scale version of this event will be taking place, therefore a rough estimated attendance is 150;

WHEREAS, there will be an effort made to track attendance through Tribelink;

WHEREAS, the event will be tentatively held on April 3, 2024, 6-8pm at Sadler Center in Tidewater AB;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 331st Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$3,800 from the Student Assembly Reserves to pay for:
 - a. Food (\$300)
 - b. 350 Informational Cards and 350 Stickers (\$600)
 - c. Guest Speakers Fee & Direct costs (\$1,600)
 - i. Hotel(\$200)
 - ii. Travel(\$350)
 - iii. Per Diem(\$50)
 - iv. Speaker Fee(\$1,000)
 - d. ASI Interpreter and CARTS (\$1,200)
 - e. Flyers(\$20)
2. Charges the members of the Senate of Student Assembly to promote this event through sharing posts advertising the events on Instagram and other channels of social media, as well as charging Class Presidents with advertising this event in class emails.
3. Stipulates that all unused funds go back to the Student Assembly Reserves



