Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

☑ Senate Bill 328- SB 328-003

Senate Resolution 328-

I, Anthony Joseph, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

Approve

Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

SB 328-003 The More Compost Bins Around Campus Act

DATE: September 9, 2020

Anthony Joseph
President of the 328th Student Assembly, William & Mary
A Bill

To fund the addition of 6 more compost bins around campus.

The More Compost Bins Around Campus Act

An Act of the 328th Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary.

Sponsored By: Senator Patrick Salsburg ('21)

Supported By: Secretary of Sustainability John Cho ('23)

WHEREAS, SR 327-002 The Sustainability Climate Action Resolution, passed by Student Assembly this past February, stated that we “affirm our dedication to reduce the College of William & Mary’s carbon footprint in conjunction with the administration by … advocating that every residential area come equipped with a convenient location for personal composting”;

WHEREAS, the William & Mary campus composting program was established in 2010 as a result of a contract between William & Mary Dining and Natural Organic Process Enterprise (NOPE) LLC;

WHEREAS, William & Mary’s Sustainability Plan for FY2019-FY2024 states the goal of increasing “access and efficiencies of diverting consumable food and compostable waste from the landfill by 2022”;

WHEREAS, there are currently only 2 officially recognized public compost locations around campus -- behind the Sadler Center and behind DuPont Hall;

WHEREAS, there is a need for greater access to composting on campus right now, given that campus life as a result of COVID-19 has completely changed and dining options on campus have seen major changes. With an increase in grab & go food items and more students bringing food back to their dorm rooms or eating outside around campus, greater access to composting around campus would prevent the increase in trash production that is sure to happen this year;

WHEREAS, there has been increased student advocacy for additional composting opportunities around campus, including an op-ed in The Flat Hat that said, “If composting is to become a truly
priority across campus, more compost bins must be placed where students are able to access and use them frequently.”

WHEREAS, Sodexo contracts out to NOPE for on-campus composting and agrees to cover additional collection fees;

WHEREAS, NOPE estimates the cost of $90 per compost bin and recommends 6 bins be added to maximize impact;

WHEREAS, the recommended placement of the bins would be in populated and trafficked areas including: Campus Center, Commons Dining Hall, Green & Gold Village, between the Integrated Science Center and Lemon Hall, behind the Davis House and Sorority Court, and near the Sunken Gardens, and the Graduate Complex pursuant to agreement by those charged with the execution of this bill and NOPE

WHEREAS, the Department of Sustainability requires spray paint to be able to decorate the bins and make it clear that the bins are meant only for compost.

Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary:

1. Allocates $810 from the Student Assembly Reserves for the following:
   a. $730 for 6 compost bins
   b. $30 for spray paint
   c. $50 for printing out informational signs to assist students sorting compostable and recyclable materials
   d. Stipulates that all unused funds be returned to Student Assembly Reserves.
2. Charges the dining sustainability interns and the Secretary and Undersecretaries of Sustainability with securing university approval for bin placement in designated locations and then preparing and placing the compost bins around campus.

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