

2023-2024

STUDENT ASSEMBLY ANNUAL REPORT

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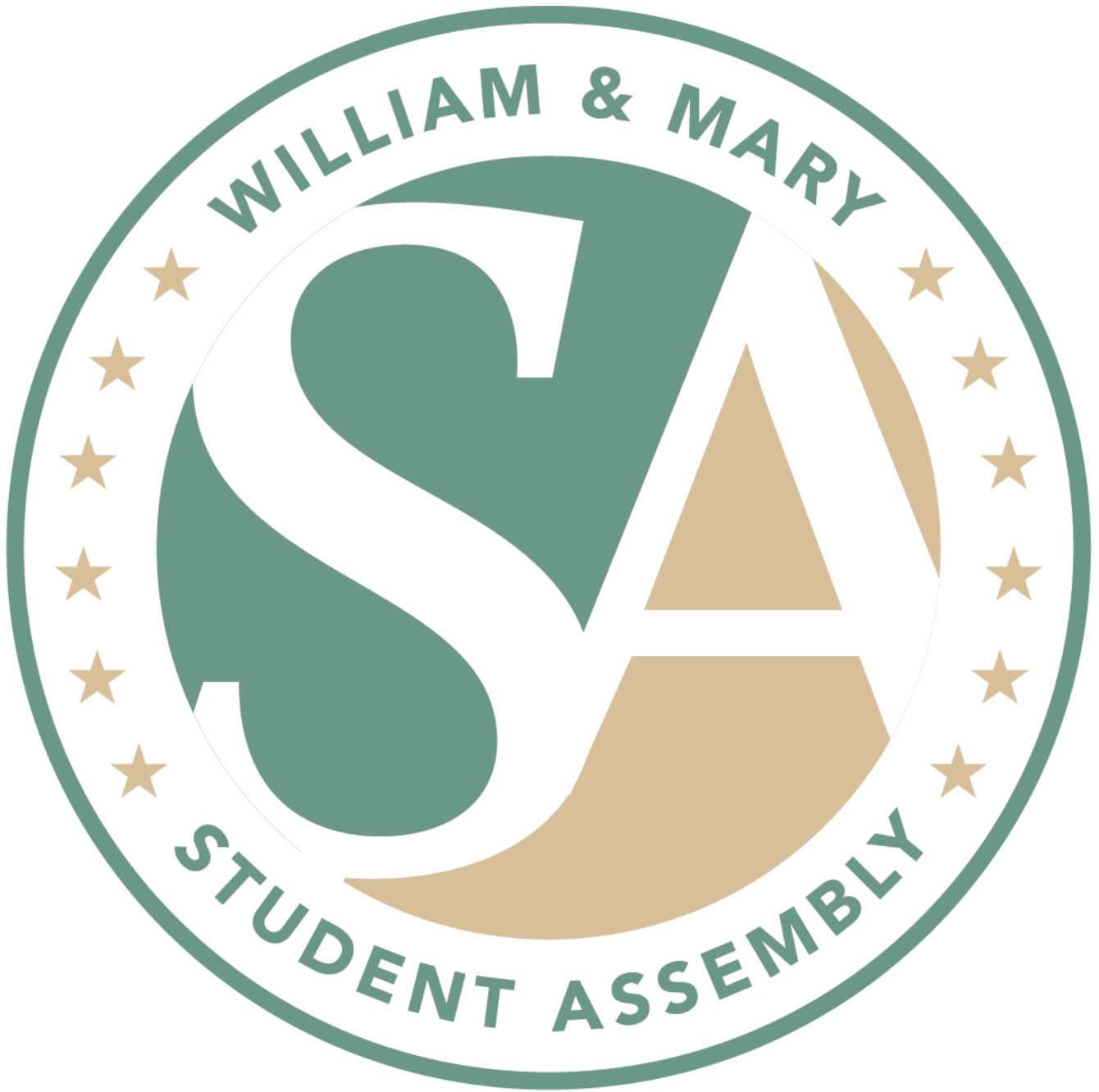


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EXECUTIVE INITIATIVES

Executive Leadership Team: Sydney Thayer, Taylor Fox, & Marley Fishburn

This past year, in addition to overseeing the many initiatives pursued by Cabinet Departments and executing bills passed by the SA Senate, the Executive Leadership Team has had the pleasure of working with various community leaders and organizations on executive-led initiatives, including but not limited to:

- Managed the revision of the Student Assembly's governing documents, a process that spanned the entire academic year. Through this effort, the governing documents have been realigned to better reflect the goals and operational needs of the organization.
- Engaged in ongoing dialogue with University administrators to amplify student concerns and provide valuable context to student perspectives. This collaboration occurred during a year where students actively utilized available advocacy channels to champion causes close to their hearts and effect meaningful change.
- Worked with Dean Raitt of Arts & Sciences to move forward with the proposal to add a question about Diversity, Equity & Inclusion on student course evaluations.
- Increased our transparency with the student body by hosting office hours and sharing resources to facilitate students' engagement with our governing body and our democratic processes.
- Addressed student concerns regarding a perceived increased police presence in Williamsburg by sharing resources on students' rights and City of Williamsburg ordinances.
- Collaborated with campus partners and the City of Williamsburg to address student and community concerns surrounding the final day of classes. We eagerly anticipate supporting a range of initiatives and events on this day, aiming to provide students with safe and enjoyable opportunities to celebrate the conclusion of the semester.
- Gathered data about the financial experiences of students to illuminate the diversity of students' financial experiences ahead of BOV conversations about undergraduate tuition.
- Administered the Student Assembly Omnibus Survey and collaborated with leaders throughout Student Assembly to develop a comprehensive set of questions aimed at gathering data on a wide array of student concerns.
- Coordinated with the Department of Sustainability to voice student support for the proposed addition of a sustainability learning objective to student graduation requirements.
- Organized the Annual Royal Ball, a campus-wide formal event designed to bring students together, commemorate the spring semester, and enjoy a memorable evening of festivities.
- Allocated funding and coordinated the logistics of installing a Free Little Library on Sadler Terrace.

Throughout the past year, the majority of our efforts have been directed toward assisting our fellow Student Assembly leaders as they spearheaded initiatives aimed at effecting meaningful change across various areas of student life. Recognizing that no single individual can address every issue alone, we feel incredibly fortunate to have been surrounded by a multitude of students who share a profound commitment to making a difference.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Secretary: Becca Stamm

Department Members: Grace Rivera, Alex Cooper

The Department of Academic Affairs is committed to improving the classroom experience for students by advocating for reformed and expanded academic policies, additional resources, and increased Diversity, Equity & Inclusion efforts in the classroom.

Initiatives completed include:

- Successfully addressed an issue with the course list by implementing a solution for interdisciplinary classes like International Relations (IR), which are now tagged with an attribute to facilitate easier identification.
- Collaborated with Dean Raitt and the Registrar's Office to address student inquiries regarding the new PATH registration system and determine the most effective communication methods to relay this information to students.
- We broadened the textbook exchange program by introducing new books and strategically timing our marketing efforts through Student Happenings. Additionally, we procured extra stickers to encourage the return of books and meticulously organized the shelves for improved accessibility.
- Conversations were held with the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs to explore enhancements to the pre-major advising system. Particular attention was given to addressing the needs of undeclared students who may require more tailored guidance in determining their academic major and career path.
- Efforts are underway to alleviate the move-out burden following finals. The 48-hour timeframe can pose challenges for students who rely on working parents or others for assistance. Additionally, there is a disparity between the timing of the last final and the final move-out deadline. Some students do not receive the full 48 hours allotted to others. Increased transparency will be provided if there are valid reasons for these discrepancies.
- Collaboration with Academic Wellness on implementing the "body doubling" strategy, which involves neurodiverse students working alongside another individual to enhance focus and productivity while completing tasks.
- The underutilization of resources often stems from a lack of awareness among students. Specifically, there is a need to address confusion regarding the structure and responsibilities of various departments, thus providing students with clear guidance on where to seek assistance. We want to create a short guide that explains every office and its responsibilities.
- Partnered with the Senate to organize an ASL workshop aimed at teaching basic skills in American Sign Language. We aspire to reintroduce ASL as part of the language proficiency requirement, as it was in the past and hope to expand opportunities for its inclusion.
- Exploring the possibility of establishing a music library for the music department. Initially, plans were made to incorporate it into the new building, but it's currently being used for storage. Now, we're revisiting the idea to determine if we can still repurpose the space to accommodate a music library.

UNIVERSITY POLICY & STUDENT RIGHTS

Secretary: Grace Ferrara

Department Members: Sabine Mead Mexia, Hannah Cawley, and Abby Kitila

The Department of University Policy & Student Rights is charged with advocating for effective policies in all areas of the University, including Title IX, free speech policies, and liaising with the W&M Police Department.

Initiatives completed include:

- Expanding transparency in housing resources encompassed a multifaceted approach aimed at ensuring students had access to comprehensive information regarding their housing options and rental agreements. It included explaining various rental agreements like leases, subleases, and rental contracts, and providing clear details about their terms and conditions. Additionally, efforts were made to share information about housing assistance programs, such as financial aid for housing, and resources to help students find affordable housing options.
- The reintroduction of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Guide (SRI) aimed to empower students by outlining their rights, responsibilities, and avenues for seeking assistance or recourse in various situations. This guide served as a valuable resource for students to understand their rights within the academic community and promoted a culture of accountability and fairness.
- Collaborating with the Title IX office to revamp the website which involved enhancing the accessibility and usability of resources related to Title IX policies, procedures, and support services. This effort ensured that students had easy access to information regarding their rights and available resources in cases of sexual harassment, discrimination, or misconduct. Additionally, it involved updating content to reflect current policies and practices, thereby fostering a safer and more inclusive campus environment.

DATA & ANALYTICS

Secretary: Varsha Gollarhalli & Blaze Banks

Department Members: Thomas Cronin, Patrick North

The Department of Data & Analytics was created last year and was charged with survey design, implementation, and data analysis for Student Assembly projects. The department has the responsibility of maintaining the confidentiality of survey results, as well as a strong ethical responsibility to accurately describe the data collected.

Initiatives completed include:

- The Omnibus Survey, a comprehensive inquiry, seeks to gain insights into the student experience by covering various topics such as diversity and inclusion, classroom experiences, dining, and more.
- In response to code changes, the department assisted with implementing Ranked Choice Voting during the Freshman elections in the fall of 2023 and continued to offer support during the spring of 2024 elections.
- The Student Financial Experience Survey is a thorough and inclusive questionnaire developed in direct response to an inquiry from the Board of Visitors. This inquiry sought to gain a deeper understanding of how students finance their higher education experience. The survey delves into various aspects of student finances, including but not limited to tuition, fees, living expenses, financial aid, scholarships, loans, and part-time employment. Its comprehensive nature ensures that all facets of the student financial experience are thoroughly examined, providing valuable insights for decision-making and policy formulation.
- The WATA Bus Transportation Survey is a comprehensive inquiry aimed at assessing the ridership of buses in Williamsburg, with a specific focus on understanding student travel patterns and bus usage. The primary objective is to gather insights that can inform improvements to bus routes and schedules, particularly along Richmond Road. By analyzing the data collected from this survey, efforts can be made to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of bus services, ultimately providing students and other passengers with a more convenient and reliable transportation experience.
- The Student General Health and Safety Survey is a comprehensive assessment designed to gather insights into the overall well-being and safety of students. This survey aims to explore various aspects of student health, including physical, mental, and emotional well-being, as well as safety concerns both on and off campus. The survey also aimed to collect information about student experiences with the Wellness Center.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Secretary: Oscar Lazo

Department Members: William Henderson, Allison Stovall, Brigid Rawdon, Eduardo Rodriguez, Liana Carroll

The Department of Diversity & Inclusion is responsible for ensuring advocacy and programming on matters of diversity and inclusion. The Department works on issues pertaining to multi-cultural, LGBTQIA+, religious, socio-economic, neurodivergent, international, and disability affairs. The department frequently collaborates with multicultural organizations on campus as well as issues related to diversity training.

Initiatives completed include:

- Collaborated with faculty members on the Arts & Sciences Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to examine departmental practices across the school and enact lasting changes in response to the Supreme Court's overturn of Affirmative Action.
- Collaborated with Chief Diversity Officer Chon Glover's initiative, The Collective, on university-wide projects, with current emphasis on supporting neurodivergent students.
- Assisted in the restructuring and rephrasing of several pages on the William & Mary website, such as those containing information for DACA and Temporary Protected Status students within the Admissions portion. Additionally, collaborated with the Department of Health & Safety and the Department of College Policy and Student Rights to revise information on discrimination and harassment reporting in partnership with Compliance & Equity.
- Initiated discussions with the Admissions Office to explore the implementation of language interpreters and bilingual tour videos, along with visual tutorials for translating admissions information.
- Continued efforts to advocate for housing protections for LGBTQ+ students, alongside ongoing work towards establishing the university's inaugural LGBTQ+ Living Learning Community.
- Collaborated with pertinent student organizations and the Center for Student Diversity to organize Pride Week festivities.
- In partnership with senators, co-hosted the second annual QTPOC Ballroom Show as a collaborative project. The queer ballroom showcased cultural pride, where students are encouraged to embrace both their queerness and cultural identity.
- Teamed up with members of the Afghan Student Association to organize and finance William & Mary's inaugural Nowruz celebration.
- Assisted recognized student organizations in structuring positions centered around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to ensure that approaches are effective, sustainable, and inclusive.
- Hosted the 7th Sankofa Gala to promote the history of African-American individuals on campus as well as promote the gathering and fostering of relationships between students in the Black community.

FINANCE

Secretary: Marie Thomas-Sindeh

Department Members: Jacob Stein, Lizzy Rekate, Ayanna Williams, Levi Hui, Daniel Connor Robbins, Nikhil Rao

The Department of Finance manages the budget of the Student Assembly. Through the Organization Budget Allocation Committee (OBAC), they allocate funding to Recognized Student Organizations for their operations, activities, and initiatives. Members of the Finance department sit on OBAC and meet weekly to review submitted organization budgets to make funding decisions for campus programming.

Initiatives completed include:

- Continue to oversee the newly implemented Organization Budget Allocation Committee (OBAC) process to allocate funding to RSOs quarterly.
- Dispersed funding to a record number of 142 RSOs this fiscal year across all quarters, including RSOs that had not received funding over the past two years.
- Implemented the "Naudit" system initiated last year, ensuring continued adherence and efficiency in budget management.
- Conducted four OBAC Office Hours weekly, providing a platform for student organizations to seek guidance on budget creation and spending requests.
- Revised finance guidelines to address challenges faced by the committee, enhance the student experience, and implement sustainability efforts.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Secretary: Terra Sloane

Department Members: Brooks Murphy, Jashwanth Puvvadi, Faiza Isa, Wes Gable, Zoe Powers, Calliope Koesters

The Department of Health and Safety focuses on four subsets of student health: mental health, sexual health, safety & substance abuse, and disability affairs. The goal is to ensure that students are aware of the resources available to them, and to facilitate conversations between students and campus policy-makers. The department aims to incorporate a variety of student voices.

Initiatives completed include:

- Facilitated the renewal of subsidization for Plan B, pregnancy tests, and contraceptives on campus.
- Coordinated a NARCAN training program with the assistance of student Shane Johnson and the Office of Health Promotion.
- Implemented outreach efforts and facilitated the installation of Callisto, a confidential reporting interface.
- Organized the distribution of COVID tests during a spike in the Fall semester.
- Supported outreach for the Free Flu Shot clinic provided by the Student Health Center in October.
- Continued advocacy for the Menstrual Cup initiative through distribution and informational campaigns.
- Engaged with the Health Council regularly to assess organizational needs and discuss initiatives.
- Conducted a survey on Health & Safety topics, garnering approximately 200 responses
- Continued efforts to improve the Title IX website and incorporate information on reporting discrimination and violence.
- Coordinated "A Walk in Their Shoes" event to raise awareness about Domestic Violence.
- Conducted a survey to gather feedback on diverse communities' experiences with on-campus counseling and mental health resources.
- Drafted a bill to enhance storage capacity at the on-campus Food Pantry operated by Food For All.
- Currently working on initiatives to provide CPR training and certification for students.
- Procured safety covers for alcoholic beverages with Senate assistance.
- Collaborated on the Pedestrian Safety Initiative to enhance campus infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.
- Planning a Student-Athlete Carnival to foster connections between student athletes and the broader campus community.
- Organizing a panel discussion on TimelyCare services in collaboration with the Counseling Center.
- Arranging an event to destigmatize mental health and promote resources, featuring Counseling Center representatives and student speakers.
- Expanding the Plan B subsidization campaign to include Ella, a form of emergency contraception that offers more inclusive and effective protection.
- Developing a pamphlet for ResLife distribution outlining methods for maintaining dorm cleanliness and hygiene.
- Organizing a discussion on Occupational Wellness with the Cohen Career Center.
- Mapping the Campus Trail system for student accessibility and recreation and collaborating with the Rec Center to procure new outdoor workout equipment.
- Planning an educational outreach campaign on sexual health tailored for queer, non-binary, and trans students.

OUTREACH

Secretary: Victor Gedeck

Department Members: Isabella Strauss, Aashni Manroa, Junior De La Rosa Martinez, Tommy Soffronoff, Akash Nayak, Alena Jones, Skylar Maycon

The Department of Outreach is in charge of maintaining the Student Assembly website, updating SA social media accounts, and connecting SA to the student body. The department prioritizes transparency and driven engagement above all else through public relations campaigns and consistent communication with organizations and students.

Initiatives completed include:

- Advertised for:
 - Election Promotion, Finance Promotion, 'Keypers' Distribution, Access to Plan B and STI Testing, Textbook Exchange, Sustainability Saturdays, Finance Office Hours for OBAC, Renter's Rights Presentation, Green & Gold Bash, Charter Day Royal Court, Spring 2024 Elections & Debates, Multiple Health and Wellness Campaigns, Reposting External Student Organization and Student Assembly Funded Events.
- The department also assisted with Student Assembly Weekly. SA Weekly is a list of Student Assembly events that the organization sends in Student Happenings, a weekly email to all SA members, and is updated on the SA website. This has allowed better communication from SA and allowed for all students to be aware of upcoming events and initiatives.
- Established the foundation for the Student Assembly to initiate rebranding efforts for the organization.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Secretary: Grayson Horner

Department Members: Grace Martin and Skyler Smith

The Public Affairs Department is responsible for advocating for student interests at various levels of government. The department works with the Williamsburg City government to develop relationships between the town and the university. We help to organize the William & Mary Road to Richmond event in the spring, and to register voters in the fall.

Initiatives completed include:

- Conducted Individual Resident Outreach initiatives aimed at fostering stronger connections within the community. This involved organizing coffee and lunch meetings with key residents to provide an open forum for discussions, feedback, and relationship-building. Through these informal gatherings, we sought to establish rapport, understand the needs and concerns of residents better, and create a supportive environment where community members felt valued and heard while advocating for off-campus student residents.
- In addition to conducting Individual Resident Outreach, efforts were made to strengthen community ties on a broader scale by actively participating in the Neighborhood Council of Williamsburg (NCW). This platform provided an opportunity to engage with a wider range of community members, gather feedback, and foster collaborative relationships to address neighborhood concerns more effectively.
- Advocated for student concerns through City Council Outreach, meeting with local representatives to ensure student voices were heard in decision-making processes.
- Collaborated with law enforcement through Police Outreach, organizing meetings to advocate for student concerns directly to the local police department.
- Promoted Voter Turnout through tabling and coordination with electoral authorities, resulting in the highest student turnout among all college campuses in Virginia during the 2023 VA State Senate and House of Delegates Elections.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Secretary: Daly Martorano

Department Members: Kyle Lewis-Johnson, Sidney McCall, Atticus Gore, Steven Henriquez Talavera

The Department of Student Life is in charge of creating programming initiatives for all W&M Students. They are dedicated to providing fun and engaging activities for the W&M community and work with the following divisions of the College administration: Residence Life, Dining Services, Auxiliary Services, Information Technology, Parking Services, Student Leadership Development, and the Office of Community Engagement.

Initiatives completed include:

- Hosted a Fall Pumpkin Carving Event that attracted over 120 students. Attendees were delighted with food, drinks, and the festive atmosphere as they carved pumpkins together.
- Planned and hosted the 2nd Annual Green and Gold Bash, a student-centered celebration that honored their invaluable contributions to the university. This event served as a small token of appreciation to students. Attendees enjoyed an evening of camaraderie, with food, dancing, a royal court, and many other giveaway items.
- Guests joined us for an enchanting evening filled with dancing, music, and delectable cuisine alongside the Student Assembly! The Royal Ball provided a perfect opportunity to reminisce on the year, celebrating the diverse contributions of our students and their profound impact on shaping the vibrant community of William and Mary.
- Started the planning for The Undergraduate and Graduate Partnership Initiative seeks to foster collaboration and mutual support between undergraduate and graduate students at our university. This initiative aims to create a platform where both groups can come together to share ideas, resources, and experiences, enriching the academic and social environment for all. To achieve this goal, a series of events and activities will be organized, including mentorship programs, joint research projects, academic workshops and seminars, networking events, social activities, and community service projects. These initiatives are designed to bridge the gap between undergraduate and graduate students, promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, professional development, and community engagement. By fostering meaningful interactions and connections between students of all academic levels, the initiative aims to create a supportive and inclusive campus community where students can thrive and succeed together.

SUSTAINABILITY

Secretary: Tori Carr

Department Members: Sarah Bomar, Aayla Kastning, Aggie Augustine, Nicholas DeSante

The Department of Sustainability works on environmental issues facing both the planet and the campus community. Through educational programs, Student Assembly policies, and support of student organizations, this department strives to make sustainability a campus priority. Sustainability looks forward to paving the way and facing the issue of climate change and other environmental concerns.

Initiatives completed include:

- Sustainability Menstrual Product Giveaways: Provided menstrual products as part of sustainability initiatives, promoting eco-friendly alternatives and reducing waste.
- WATA Survey: Conducted a survey to gather insights on transportation habits and preferences, informing efforts to promote sustainable transportation options.
- Earth Day Bash: Hosted an event to celebrate Earth Day, raising awareness about environmental issues and promoting sustainable practices.
- Sustainability Activities Fair: Organized a fair showcasing various sustainability initiatives and activities on campus, encouraging student engagement and participation.
- Forums with the Student Sustainability Council: Held forums where students could discuss sustainability issues and collaborate on projects with the Student Sustainability Council.
- Sustainability Saturdays on the SA Instagram: Used the SA Instagram platform to share sustainability tips, resources, and initiatives every Saturday, promoting awareness and action.
- T-shirt Recycling: Implemented a program to recycle old t-shirts, reducing textile waste and promoting sustainable fashion practices.
- Working with Academic Affairs to Expand the SUST Attribute: Collaborated with Academic Affairs to expand the Sustainability (SUST) attribute, providing students with more opportunities to engage with sustainability-focused coursework.
- Advocating for SUST Attribute Class to be a Required Graduation Requirement: Advocated for a sustainability-focused class to be a required graduation requirement, ensuring all students receive education on sustainability principles.
- Reworking SA Website: Updated the Student Assembly website to include more information and resources on sustainability initiatives, making it easier for students to get involved and stay informed.
- Composting Competition (Collaboration with Dining Sustainability): Organized a competition to encourage dining sustainability initiatives, such as composting, reducing food waste, and promoting sustainable food choices.
- Sustainable Housing LLC: Collaborated with housing services to establish a Sustainable Housing Living Learning Community, providing students with opportunities to live and learn in an environmentally-conscious environment.

SENATE

Presiding Officer: Taylor Fox

Chair of the Senate: Justin Bailey

The Student Assembly Senate is the representative body for students, including one Class President and four Class Senators from each undergraduate social class and 1-2 Senators from each of the graduate schools.

Initiatives started and completed include:

Passed Senate Resolutions-

- SR 331-01: The Student Assembly Constitutional Reform Resolution
- SR 331-002: In Support of the New Beer Policy & In Thanks of the Athletics Department and Aramark
- SR 331-003: Support for a Sustainability Learning Objective Resolution
- SR 331-004: The Syllabus Access Resolution
- SR 331-005: The Ceasefire in Palestine Resolution

Passed Senate Bills-

- SB 331-001: The OA Appreciation Act
- SB 331-002: The LDOC Fun Act
- SB 331-004: The . Act Part IV
- SB 331-005: Chalk Art Competition Act Part III
- SB 331-006: The ' Act
- SB 331-007: The Graduate Rebate for Autonomy in the Schools (GRAntS) Act
- SB 331-008: The Bolstering Ethics of Election Fairness (BEEF) Act Part 2
- SB 331-009: The Poster Party Act
- SB 331-010: Increasing Access to the SA Office Act
- SB 331-011: A Dance to Remember Act II
- SB 331-012: Joining Oswalt Keynote Encore (JOKE) Act
- SB 331-013: The Pronoun Pin Part 3 Act
- SB 331-014: The Distribution of University-Branded Complementary Keyperers (DUCK) II Act
- SB 331-015: The Sexual Violence Tertiary Prevention Act
- SB 331-016: The COVID Emergency Response Act
- SB 331-017: The T-Shirt Purchasing Act Pt II
- SB 331-018: The Subsidizing Sexual Health Resources Part 2
- SB 331-019: The Flu B Gone Act
- SB 331-020: The Let's Vote Act
- SB 331-021: The Light Intervention & Therapy Enhancement (LITE) Act
- SB 331-022: The Fall Frenzy Campus Carving Event
- SB 331-023: The 2nd Annual Green and Gold Bash
- SB 331-024: The Sustainability Fair Act
- SB 331-025: The Free Tea Act
- SB 331-026: Meadows Wellness and Chill Act
- SB 331-027: Vehicular Acquisition Now (VAN) Act

SENATE CONTINUED

Passed Senate Bills Continued-

- SB 331-028: The Club Account Stacks Holdings Act (CASH) Act
- SB 331-029: 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
- SB 331-030: The Portable Chargers Act
- SB 331-031: Subsidizing Bike Rentals Act
- SB 331-032: Supporting LGBTQ+ Roommates Part II
- SB 331-033: Art and Hatsuye Ball Act
- SB 331-034: Poster Party Part II Act
- SB 331-035: Icy Chartered Elegance Act
- SB 331-036: The Seventh Annual Sankofa Gala Act
- SB 331-037: Reimagining Individual Study Environments (RISE) Act
- SB 331-039: Food for All Act
- SB 331-040: Funding Iftar Act III
- SB 331-041: Streamlined Move-in Operation and Organizational Transition to Housing (SMOOTH) Act
- SB 331-042: The Annual Review of the Organization Budget Allocation Committee and Process Act
- SB 331-043: The Supporting the 2024 Voting Rights Restoration Summit Act
- SB 331-045: QTOPC Formal Act II
- SB 331-046: Paws for Stress Act
- SB 331-047: Women's Wellness for All Act
- SB 331-048: Supporting the Business Law Review Spring 2024 Symposium Act
- SB 331-049: Intro to American Sign Language Act
- SB 331-050: The Brace Act
- SB 331-051: The Nowruz Act
- SB 331-052: The Drink Spiking Prevention Act
- SB 331-054: The Dairy Vehicular Act VIII
- SB 331-055: The Constitutional Ratification Act of the Student Assembly of William & Mary
- SB 331-056: The Earth Yay Act Pt. 2
- SB 332-057: The Offering Urban Tables and Durable Outdoor Recreational Swings (OUTDOORS) Act
- SB 331-058: The Israel-Palestine Discussion Act
- SB 331-059: Support for Obtaining Optimal Therapeutic and Holistic Education (SOOTHE) Act
- SB 331-060: The Closing of the 331st Session Act

THE CONTENTS OF RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS LISTED CAN BE FOUND ON THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

5 Notable Senate Initiatives

Vehicular Acquisition Now (VAN) Act

Student Assembly has acquired a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica Touring 7 Passenger Van for student organization use. We understand that not all organizations require a 12-passenger vehicle, nor is it sustainable. This smaller van provides greater comfort for student drivers and contributes to overall sustainability efforts.

Art and Hatsuye Ball Act

Art and Hatsuye Ball was a continuation of the Asian Centennial Ball. This beautiful event highlighted the need for continued visibility and appreciation of the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community, especially within the context of the Year of the Arts. It addressed the existing divide within the Asian diaspora and emphasized the importance of creating opportunities for cultural exchange and collaboration.

Streamlined Move-in Operation and Organizational Transition to Housing (SMOOTH) Act

This bill aided in the introduction of dorm moving carts to campus. Acknowledging the potential stress of moving in and out of dormitories, Student Assembly aims for these carts to alleviate some of the burden on move-in and move-out days.

Additionally, there is a desire to expand the utilization of these carts to accommodate new dorms expected to be built over the next decade.

The Offering Urban Tables and Durable Outdoor Recreational Swings (OUTDOORS) Act

The bill was passed to acquire outdoor furniture for several areas across campus. Student Assembly recognizes our student body's appreciation for outdoor spaces and believes that furnishing these areas will further enrich the green spaces available for student enjoyment on campus.

Reimagining Individual Study Environments (RISE) Act

Student Assembly recently approved the purchase of rising standing desks for the Swem Library. Recognizing the importance of ergonomic and versatile workspace options, Student Assembly aims to enhance the study environment for students by providing modern solutions like standing desks. This initiative reflects our commitment to supporting the well-being and productivity of the student body, promoting healthier study habits and increased comfort while utilizing library resources.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON POLICY & STUDENT RIGHTS

Chair: Sen. Jiexi Lin and Sen. Connor O'Neill

Committee Voting Members: Sen. Marshea Robinson, Sen. Shalini Kumar, Sen. Hazel Vineet, Sen. Justin Bailey, Sen. Connor O'Neill, Sen. CJ Roberts, Sen. Tyson Liverman, Sen. Laayba Tanoli, Sen. Meaghan Jain

Committee Non-Voting Members: Grace Ferrara, Becca Stamm, Grayson Horner

The Senate Committee on Policy & Student Rights works on college policy issues, including student rights and the honor/student conduct systems, academic policy, and diversity initiatives.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Chairs: Sen. Sophia Tammera

Committee Voting Members: Sen. Sophia Tammera, Sen. Soleil Garnett, Class Pres. Yannie Chang, Sen. Hashir Aqeel, Sen. Spencer Krivo, Sen. Connor Cheadle, Sen. Brady Clark, Sen. Mayer Tawfik, Sen. Sophie Kennedy

Committee Non-Voting Members: Oscar Lazo, Daly Martorano, Victor Gedeck, Tori Carr, Varsha Gollarhalli, Blaze Banks

The Senate Committee on Student Experience communicates with students, clubs, and campus publications to gauge student sentiment on campus. Reviews ways to enhance student quality of life on campus best and improve student experiences at William & Mary.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Sen. Matthew Swenson

Committee Voting Members: Class Pres. Mia Tilman, Sen. Daniel Bess, Sen. Sean Nguyen, Sen. Matthew Hwang, Class Pres. Zoe Wang, Sen. Matthew Swenson, Class Pres. Nico Giro-Martin, Sen. Hunter White

Committee Non-Voting Members: Marie Thomas-Sindeh

The Senate Committee on Finance discusses Student Assembly spending bills and helps allocate funding requests submitted by student organizations through the Organization Budget Allocation Committee (OBAC). Finance works to make funding more accessible to the student body throughout the year while also being pragmatic and consistent to ensure equitable distribution.



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To Members of Student Assembly and University
Departments and Offices,

We extend our sincerest thanks to the members of the Student Assembly, as well as the various university departments and offices, for their collaborative spirit and tireless dedication to advancing our advocacy objectives.

The synergy between the Student Assembly members and the support from university departments and offices underscores the effectiveness of teamwork in driving positive transformation within our community.

Your steadfast commitment to our mission has propelled us closer to our objectives while cultivating an ethos of inclusivity and innovation. Together, we have confronted obstacles, implemented impactful initiatives, and enriched the campus environment.

Each of you deserves heartfelt appreciation for your invaluable contributions and unwavering passion.

We deeply appreciate each of you for your contributions and passion. Your collective effort and relentless pursuit of excellence are inspiring examples of what can be achieved through unity.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Sydney Thayer

President, Student Assembly

Taylor Fox

Vice President, Student Assembly

Marley Fishburn

Chief of Staff, Student Assembly



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dear Students of William and Mary

In a world that can sometimes feel overwhelmingly difficult, we want to take a moment to acknowledge just how amazing every one of you truly are. Your resilience, strength, and spirit shine brightly even in the darkest of times, and for that, we are endlessly Inspired.

We understand that you face countless challenges and uncertainties every day, yet you continue to persevere with courage and determination. Your ability to navigate through life's ups and downs with grace and resilience is nothing short of remarkable.

As you journey forward, remember that you're never alone. We're here to offer support, lend a listening ear, and uplift you in every possible way. You can achieve incredible things, and we believe in you wholeheartedly. Keep radiating your light, spreading love and compassion, and know that brighter days await you on your journey ahead.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Sydney Thayer

President, Student Assembly

Taylor Fox

Vice President, Student Assembly

Marley Fishburn

Chief of Staff, Student Assembly

