

SA FAQ Day Fact Sheet

Student Assembly

SA exists to provide representation to W&M students by encouraging academic growth, protecting the integrity of student opinion, and ensuring the students' right of self-governance. While we can't directly affect dining services or meal plans, we do have a large budget of about \$700,000 that can be used to aid students in their endeavors around campus. We fund things like: entertainment, tailgates, I AM W&M Week and more. There are over 50 SA members that would love to help you!

Executive Branch

This branch of SA consists of the President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, and the Cabinet. The Cabinet is made up of secretaries that have different specialties. Did you know that we have a Secretary of Diversity or an Undersecretary of Mental Health? There are about 40 Cabinet members. If you have a specific concern on campus or are simply curious about campus life in general, they're the ones to ask. They're a great resource to have, so feel free to contact them!

Senate

Each undergraduate class elects 4 Senators and 1 Class President. Each graduate program also has at least 1 representative. This encompasses the Senate. The Senate plays a fairly large role on how money is allocated during a school year, specifically the Finance Committee of the Senate. There are some pretty strict rules in how money is distributed. This is done so that student fees are spent responsibly and not just given to anyone. Senators are charged with creating bills and resolutions that address Student Life on campus. Tell us your ideas and how you feel about the W&M campus environment!

Finance:

When talking about SA Finance, there are a lot of actors involved as well as a complex process. Being a state school, we have our own regulations as well as state regulations that determine how money is spent. The Executive Apportions Committee writes the budget for each academic year to be approved by Senate. This committee is overseen by the Secretary of Finance. SA also has a fund that can be tapped into for Activities & Events (A&E Requests) which is determined by the Senate Finance Committee. Getting money is completely feasible, but sometimes complex. Always ask questions! The Finance Committee Chair and the Secretary of Finance are here to help. Want to know more? Our website contains the emails of every SA representative.

You can learn more about your representatives and SA's mission on our [website](#).

