



Richard Bland College
of WILLIAM & MARY

REPORT OF THE RBC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
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DroneUp

As the DroneUp program takes flight into its second semester of specialized pilot training, on-campus students have become more fascinated by the innovative technology of drones. RBC Student Assembly had an opportunity to meet with the manager and flight trainer of DroneUp last semester to gain greater insight into the company and to hear how they would like to engage with the RBC student body. Last semester, the Student Assembly decided to forgo hosting a student-focused event with DroneUp to concentrate on learning our roles and setting foundational goals. Given student feedback this semester, it is anticipated that Student Assembly will be able to re-engage with DroneUp to create an event that would allow students to have an exciting social and educational experience before the semester ends.

Student Assembly

Over the past few months, RBC Student Assembly has approved two additional clubs, including Fireside Chats and Mental Health Diaries, to complement and expand mental health resources available on campus. In addition, two Student Assembly Town Hall meetings were held on campus to allow students to express their ideas for campus engagement and to alert us of issues. Topics students brought to the Assembly's attention at the March 29th town hall consisted of excitement about participating in the Student Assembly's work, positive comments about the College's Women's History Month programming, and recommendations about continuing to build up the RBC campus community.

Personal Reflections

As the academic year ends and I reflect on the achievements of Student Assembly, I am proud to have played a role in reviving student government and re-establishing a strong foundation for next year's Student Assembly. Some of the work we have accomplished includes editing the Student Assembly's constitution language and bylaws, bringing back numerous clubs, increasing support for student mental health, boosting student morale and campus engagement, and creating processes that will allow the Student Assembly and clubs to withstand unforeseen succession issues. Serving alongside my peers on the Student Assembly and collaborating with the College's administration has been my honor and pleasure as Student Assembly President.

End of year Student Assembly Highlights

- 50+ campus events held since the Fall of 2022
- 15 student clubs established and reactivated since the Fall of 2022
- Advocated for the creation of living-learning communities for the Fall of 2023
- Partnered with the College's attorney to update the Student Assembly Constitution
- Partnered with RBC's Communications & Marketing team to create a Student Assembly social media account
- Creation of Student Assembly Town Hall meetings
- First fully functional Student Assembly since pre-pandemic times (Spring of 2020)