



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 331- **032**
 Resolution 331-

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

- Approve
 Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

The Supporting LGBTQ+ Roommates Part II Act

Sydney Thayer

President, 331st Student Assembly (23-24)

DATE: **11/29/23**

331st Student Assembly,
Senate Bill 331-032

A Bill

To facilitate, safe, comfortable living options for the LGBTQ+ community

The Supporting LGBTQ+ Roommates Part II Act

An Act of the 330th Student Assembly of William & Mary

Sponsored by Class President Zoe Wang ('26), Senator Matt Swenson ('26)

Supported by Lambda President Kell Hoofnagle ('24), QTPOC

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Student Assembly to help create a welcoming and inclusive community, and to promote equitable treatment of marginalized groups;

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ students have the right to feel comfortable and safe in their living environment, free from hate, discrimination, and harassment;

WHEREAS, providing LGBTQ+ students the opportunity to meet others would be beneficial, because it is especially important to LGBTQ+ students that they live with others who are supportive of their identity;

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ students planning to live on or off campus, or those still undecided, can benefit from the opportunity to find others to live with;

WHEREAS, current infrastructure imposes limitations on LGBTQ+ housing, and while the university plans to improve these conditions, Student Assembly can help LGBTQ+ students find adequate roommate options in the meantime;

WHEREAS, there is currently no place on the housing application to indicate your sexual orientation or gender identity, largely due to privacy and legal reasons. Student Assembly should explore advocating for an option on the application in which students can indicate the need to be paired with LGBTQ+ students and allies;

WHEREAS, Residence Life is conscious of and receptive to the issues LGBTQ+ students face in the housing process, but we should strive to prevent issues before they occur;

WHEREAS, with limited housing options for juniors and seniors during the 2024-2025 academic year, Student Assembly should work to provide accessibility and ease in the housing process, in any way we can;

WHEREAS, these events will take place in Sadler Center early December to allow time for attendees to make housing plans before the housing contract deadline on February 14th, 2023;

WHEREAS, this is a direct way for Student Assembly to improve the roommate selection process for LGBTQ+ students. Student Assembly should continue to advocate for satisfactory living opportunities for LGBTQ+ students;

WHEREAS, only 20 students attended last year but we expect an estimated attendance to be attendees of 50 this year now that we have knowledge of how to improve the advertising and the event itself from last year;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$150 from the Student Assembly reserves to fund Pizza and any other associated costs from Papa Johns for the event;
2. Charges the bill sponsors with the following:
 - a. Planning and Execution of the Event in its entirety
3. Charges Class Presidents to include details about the events in future email communication to each class;
4. Encourages supporters of the bill to promote and encourage attendance to the events.
5. Stipulates that any unused funds be returned to the Student Assembly reserves.