



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 331- **041**
- Resolution 331-

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

- Approve
- Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation: **SMOOTH Act**
Streamlined Move - In Operation & Organizational
Transition to Housing Act

Sydney Thayer

President, 331st Student Assembly (23-24)

DATE: **2/21/24**

331st Student Assembly,
Senate Bill 331-041

A Bill

To enhance the student move-in experience at William & Mary with an efficient, easy-to-use cart system

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

Sponsored by Senator Sean Nguyen ('25) & Senator Sophia Tammera ('24)

WHEREAS, the College of William & Mary is committed to fostering a welcoming environment for all students and their families during the move-in period;

WHEREAS, the process of moving into residential halls traditionally involves multiple, physically demanding trips between vehicles and dorm rooms, posing a significant challenge to students and their families;

WHEREAS, the introduction of move-in carts is a solution to reduce the physical strain and time required for students and families during the move-in process. These move-in carts are specifically designed to carry a substantial amount of belongings, thereby curtailing the number of trips required from vehicles to dorm rooms;

WHEREAS, the move-in carts will enhance the overall efficiency of the move-in process, enabling a smoother transition for students and their families into campus life. The proposed move-in carts are robust, easy to maneuver, and suitable for navigating through campus pathways and residential hall layouts;

WHEREAS, numerous universities in the East Coast region, including Virginia Tech, University of Maryland, University of Virginia, Radford University, George Mason University, and Pennsylvania State University have successfully implemented move-in cart systems, thereby streamlining their move-in processes and setting a precedent for the effective use of these resources, demonstrating the viability of this approach at the College of William & Mary;

WHEREAS, Residence Life has committed to the acquisition of 30 durable, stackable carts from Steele, a manufacturer regarded for its exceptional quality in specialty canvas products. Residence Life aims to acquire an additional 20 carts, reaching 50 carts, to improve the spring move-out process and future move-in and move-out activities. This effort ensures the availability of these resources to meet the logistical demands of students;

WHEREAS, each cart, priced at \$256.25, incorporates features including an 18.5 oz. antimicrobial, tear, and water-resistant vinyl-coated nylon body, complemented by easy-grip handles on both ends,

a heavy gauge carbon steel frame with a rust-proof flat steel grid bottom, and non-marking casters with a load-bearing capacity exceeding 1,000., selected to embody William & Mary's iconic green color with the addition of customized logos and sequential numbering for identification management;

WHEREAS, these carts allow for their stackability in configurations of up to six units high, guaranteeing a compact storage solution within the basement of One Tribe Place, alongside existing furniture;

WHEREAS, the introduction of these carts is planned to begin with a pilot phase across Leron, Hardy, Landrum, One Tribe Place, and Grad Complex during the spring 2024 move-out period, with intentions to extend this initiative to Monroe Hall in the fall of 2025 following its refurbishment and the installation of new elevators and ramps. This addresses logistical bottlenecks previously experienced due to limited parking availability and the challenges associated with the loading and unloading of personal belongings, therefore ensuring a more streamlined move-out and move-in experience for all residents;

WHEREAS, the adoption of these carts is a strategic move towards elevating the residential experience at William & Mary, with the functionality of the carts specifically tailored to facilitate the move-out and move-in processes and summer school logistics, such as benefiting the 2024 summer school residents of One Tribe Place;

WHEREAS, the integration of these carts into the campus's framework aligns with the long-term housing construction plans, notably the West 1 Housing project, which is being designed with modern accessibility features including ramps and elevators that are compatible with the carts' design, therefore showcasing a commitment to a supportive residential environment for all students;

WHEREAS, the investment in these custom-designed carts underscores William & Mary's investment in the adoption of sustainable practices through the procurement of equipment designed to adhere to campus needs for the **long-term future**;

Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$6,000 from the Student Assembly Reserves to finance the purchase of 20 move-in carts, each costing \$256.25, broken down as follows:
 - a. \$236.25 for each 14BU Permanent Truck Green Vinyl with Grey Vinyl - 4" Casters cart
 - b. \$15.00 per cart for a logoed pocket on one side, featuring the William & Mary Residence Life & Student Assembly logo

- c. \$5.00 per cart for sequential numbering on one side, to facilitate systematic accounting and reduce the risk of loss
2. All unused funds will be returned to the Student Assembly Reserves.
3. Charges the Department of Outreach to spearhead an awareness campaign when the move-in carts arrive, leveraging platforms like the Student Assembly Instagram and Student Happenings. The message should be:
 - a. “Elevate your move-in experience! Our new move-in carts, sponsored by Student Assembly, will make your transition smoother, quicker, and less strenuous as you move out in May. Navigate your way effortlessly from car to dorm with these carts — a small change for a big impact on your last day on campus.”
4. Charges the sponsors to oversee sustainable procurement, use, and maintenance of move-in carts, coordinating with Residence Life for minimal waste and material reuse.
5. Collaborates with Residence Life to gather and utilize feedback on the move-in cart system's initial implementation, considering its expansion to adhere to the student body's evolving needs.

