

# BYLAWS OF THE LAFAYETTE COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Easton, Pennsylvania

# ARTICLE I: MEETINGS AND OPERATIONS

#### Section 1: General Body Meetings

- 1. Meetings are held with the full Student Government every week on a day of the week chosen the semester beforehand by the Executive Committee
- 2. General body meetings are run by the President
- 3. All members of the Student Government are required to attend these meetings
- 4. The agenda for the general body meetings should be approved by the executive committee before the meeting begins

# Section 2: Executive meetings

- 1. The Executive Committee will be composed of the President, the Vice President, the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer and all of the Committee Directors
- 2. They Executive Committee shall meet at least once each week, to approve budgets and plan the agenda for the full body meetings
- 3. Committee Directors update the rest of the committee about progress on their projects

#### Section 3: Standing Committee Meetings

- 1. Weekly meetings are held with each standing committee and run by the director of each committee
- 2. Committee members are required to be in attendance at each meeting
- 3. Attendance by members of the student body not on the committee is permitted at the discretion of the director

#### ARTICLE II: POSITIONS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The President shall:

- 1. Call and preside over all meetings of the Student Government; special meetings of the Student Government may be called as described in the Constitution Article IV, Section 1B:
- 2. Enforce the observance of the Constitution and the Bylaws;
- 3. Appoint any other Special Committees they may deem necessary;
- 4. Report to the Student Body on all Faculty and Trustee Meetings. The President shall also serve as a student member of the Board of Trustees;
- 5. Meet with the President of the College every other week;
- 6. Act as leader and spokesperson of the Student Government;
- 7. At the beginning of their term, submit a statement to members of the Student Government reporting the goals of their term, and any other information they deem pertinent;
- 8. At the end of their term, submit a statement to members of the Student Government reporting the accomplishments of their term;
- 9. Serve as a student representative on the Faculty Academic Progress Committee.

#### Section 2: The Vice President shall:

- 1. Assume the duties of the President in their absence;
- 2. Serve as Parliamentarian of the Student Government unless the President appoints another student, subject to the majority approval of the Student Government. The Parliamentarian shall oversee proposed changes to the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Student Government;
- 3. Lead ad-hoc committees if no other executive member volunteers;
- 4. Oversee the election process;
- 5. Manage the committee directors alongside the President

# Section 3: The Executive Secretary Shall:

- 1. Keep full minutes of all meetings, maintain an accurate file of the minutes, and make the minutes available for inspection. Upon approval of the Student Government the minutes shall be the official record of the complete proceedings of that body. They shall especially include:
  - a. Names of those absent and tardy;
  - b. Report of communications;
  - c. Names of persons making motions and amendments;
  - d. An accurate text of each motion and amendment made;
  - e. An indication of the results of votes taken;
  - f. The results of all roll-call votes;
  - g. And notification that these minutes are not the official minutes of the meeting until approved at the next meeting of the Student Government.
- 2. Send official minutes out to members of the Lafayette community
- 3. Reach out to all executive board members to have their section of the minutes completed the day prior to the full body meeting.
- 4. Communicate meeting times, days, and any scheduling changes to members of the student government

- 5. Contact administrators that are requested to present at general body meetings and secure arrangements
- 6. Assist the Vice President in running elections and selecting chair positions;
- 7. Appoint Faculty Committee Student representatives;
- 8. Appoint Board of Trustee student representatives;
- 9. Gather reports from student appointees to the Faculty Committees Board of Trustees Committees

#### Section 4: The Treasurer shall:

- 1. Act as the director of the Budget Committee;
- 2. Oversee the duties of the Budget Committee and create a weekly designated meeting time with the committee chairs;
- 3. Present a general balance report at all regular Student Government meetings when needed, and at the instruction of the Executive Committee;
- 4. At the end of the term, submit to the Student Government a statement reporting the financial status of the Student Government and other pertinent information including budgets of clubs.

## Section 5: The Academic Affairs Director shall:

1. Oversee the duties of the Academic Affairs Committee and create a weekly designated meeting time with the committee chairs;

#### Sections 6: The Student Services Director shall:

- 1. Oversee the duties of the Student Services Committee and create a weekly designated meeting time with the committee chairs;
- 2. Sit on the College's Dining Service Committee, unless of schedule conflicts.

# Section 7: The Equity and Inclusion Director shall:

- 1. Oversee the duties of the The Equity and Inclusion Committee and create a weekly designated meeting time with the committee chairs;
- 2. Meet at least monthly with the Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Intercultural Development;
- 3. Attend Lafayette Intercultural Networking Council meetings or appoint a committee chair:
- 4. Appoint chairs to serve as representatives for the Bias Response Team and Interfaith Council

#### Section 8: The Athletic Affairs Director shall:

- 1. Oversee the duties of the Athletic Affairs Committee and create a weekly designated meeting time with the committee chairs;
- 2. Attend monthly Student Athletic Advisory Committee, if schedule permits, or appoint a Chair to do so.

# Section 9: The Sustainability Director shall:

- 1. Oversee the duties of the Sustainability Committee and create a weekly designated meeting time with the committee chairs.
- 2. Meet at least once each month with the College Director of Sustainability or Sustainability Fellow

#### Section 10: The Greek Life Director shall:

- 1. Be a member of Greek Life.
- 2. Meet with the College Director of Greek Life at least once a month
- 3. Serve on the Student Life Faculty Committee, schedule permitting, or appoint one of their Chairs due to lack of availability.

# Section 11: The Director of Public Relations and Marketing shall:

1. Oversee the duties of the Public Relations and Marketing committee and create a weekly designated meeting time with the committee chairs.

# ARTICLE III: POSITIONS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### Section 1: Committee Chair Positions

- 1. Two to five seats are available for each of the standing committees
- 2. Committee chairs must attend a weekly meeting within their own committees and a weekly general body meeting
- 3. Every Committee chair shall serve as a liaison between the general student body and the student government
- 4. Committee chairs are to be committed to bringing new ideas of their respective committee and fulfilling the expectations of that committee
- 5. Serve as a representative of and ambassador for Student Government at all times

#### ARTICLE IV: STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Section 1: Student Organizations Committee shall:

- 1. Advise, supervise, serve, and maintain regular correspondence with co-curricular student organizations throughout the year in such matters as organizations' constitutions, budgets, and any other needs organizations may have. In order to maintain this regular correspondence with the campus organizations, the committee will maintain updated lists of all officers and addresses from all campus organizations;
- 2. Ensure that the Constitutions of all student organizations uphold basic College policy, as outlined in the Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities;
- 3. Recommend to the Student Government all student organizations' constitutions which uphold College policy and also make recommendations to the Student Government concerning all changes in these constitutions;
- 4. Recommend to the Student Government that the Constitution of an organization be suspended if the Student Organizations Committee believes that that organization is in violation of College policy or its own Constitution;

- 5. And recommend to the Student Government that it withhold or withdraw funds from any organization receiving monies from the Student Activities Fund should that organization fail to adequately perform the following duties and functions:
  - a. Maintain an active membership;
  - b. Hold regular meetings;
  - c. Abide by its Constitution;
  - d. Submit proposed changes to their Constitutions to the Committee for review and approval by Student Government.
- 6. Contact Recreational Services and Risk Management to determine the feasibility of supporting the club before approving the Constitution of an athletic club;
- 7. Have the Student Organizations Chair serve as a chair of the Standing Budget Committee;
- 8. And be responsible for the maintenance of updated versions of all club constitutions, as well as archiving original and inactive constitutions.

#### Section 2: Public Relations and Marketing Committee:

- 1. Initiate and develop a regular program to publicize Student Government actions and concerns to the campus through such means as:
  - a. Advertisements, releases, and articles in the campus newspaper;
  - b. Posters and signs advertising Student Government meetings where outside input is especially desired;
  - c. Maintain Student Government's website, social media, and oversee the creation of surveys as needed and other technology-related initiatives
  - d. And electronic media.
- 2. Supervise the General Election of the President and Vice President of the Student Government, Directors of Student Government Committees
  - a. To ensure the enforcement of election rules as stated in the Bylaws, and shall administer the election process and count the votes with the oversight of the President and Student Government Adviser. The Chair shall also inform all candidates of their final status:
  - b. And, the Student Government President and Adviser shall act as a board of review for any protests filed in relation to the elections. All protests shall be reviewed with respect to the Bylaws and Constitution of Student Government.
  - c. And be responsible for supervising all other elections that the Student Government agrees to run.
- 3. Facilitate Student Government's relations with the Communications Division

#### Section 3: Academic Affairs Committee:

- 1. Concern itself with the academic aspects of the College;
- 2. Be responsible for the administration of the Student Government Superior Teaching Award;

#### Section 4: Student Services Committee:

1. Handle all referrals, establish programs, evaluate, and, when deemed necessary, make recommendations on the following College services:

- a. Public Safety, including Transportation and Parking Services;
- b. Health Center;
- c. Counseling Center;
- d. Dining Services, including meal plans;
- e. Farinon College Center;
- f. College mail service:
- g. Lafayette College Store:
- h. Career Services;
- i. Library;
- j. Recreation Services;
- k. Housing
- 1. Information and Technology Services
- m. and Facilities Operations.

# Section 5: Equity and Inclusion Committee:

- 1. Serve as a liaison between Student Government and intercultural organizations, as well as work closely with the Office of Intercultural Development and the Dean of Equity and Inclusion:
- 2. Examine and explore opportunities to improve inclusivity on campus, especially involving the "Big Eight": Ability, Age, Ethnicity, Gender, Race, Religion, Sexual Orientation, and Socioeconomic Status;

#### Section 6: Athletic Affairs Committee shall:

- 1. Serve to represent the needs and interests of student athletes;
- 2. Work to encourage non-athletes to attend athletic events, and facilitate relationships between student athletes and non-athletes;

#### Section 7: Sustainability Committee Shall:

1. Work with the Office of Sustainability and the Eco-Reps to promote the environmental sustainability of Lafayette, through coordinated programming efforts or advising student organizations and the College's operations

## Section 8: Greek Life Committee Shall:

- 1. Work to facilitate the relationship between Greek organizations and the administration;
- 2. Help foster community between Greek and non-Greek students;
- 3. Chairs may be either Greek or non-Greek students, but shall not be first year students. If non Greek students apply, they should be given additional consideration based on diversity of thought that they can bring to the group.

# Section 9: Budget Committee Shall:

- 1. Act as custodians of all the funds of the Student Government;
- 2. And to oversee all allocations from the Student Activities Fund as follows:
  - a. Meet early in the spring semester with the Student Government Adviser and the Treasurer's Office to discuss tentative budget limits for the Student Activities Fund for the following year;

- b. Develop a budget schedule early in the second semester that should include the following provisions:
  - i. All recognized organizations desiring financial assistance for the following academic year shall submit to this Committee a tentative budget at the Committee's request;
  - ii. The Committee shall hold meetings to review each organization's budget. Each organization shall be informed of a stated Committee meeting at which a representative of that organization shall provide information to assist with Committee deliberations;
  - iii. And, at a stated meeting of the Student Government, this budget shall be presented for the consideration of the Student Government. It shall be publicly announced that this will be the final opportunity for an organization to discuss its final allocation. Upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present voting, the "Final Student Activities Fund Budget" shall be adopted by the Student Government.
- 3. Allocate the Student Activities funds among the organizations and evaluate the usage of such monies by campus organizations. Monies may be paid only if:
  - a. The Constitution of the organization has been approved by this committee and the Student Government;
  - b. And the student organization's activity is open to the entire student body.
- 4. Review and make recommendations to the Student Government concerning additional requests for monies by organizations during the year.

#### **ARTICLE V: SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

#### Section 1: Elections Committee

- 1. Elections Committee will be composed of President, Vice President (if a senior or not returning to Student Government), Executive Secretary (if a senior or not returning to Student Government), the seniors of Student Government.
- 2. The Student Government Adviser will be responsible for:
  - a. Working and overseeing the polls
  - b. Creates the ballots
  - c. Creates the rules for candidates, approves candidate marketing strategies, and imposes elections sanctions on rule-breaking candidates
  - d. Reviews intent to run forms
  - e. Approve funding for candidates

#### Section 2: Selections Committee

- 1. Selections Committee will be composed of President, Vice President, Executive Secretary, Student Government Adviser and Directors;
- 2. Directors will review the applications for their respective committees and will discuss their recommendations for their Chairs with rest of committee

#### Section 3: Ad-Hoc committees

- 1. Ad-Hoc Committees shall be created to further look into an issue or subject that may not pertain to a specific standing committees duties, or needs specific attention
- 2. Between five to ten committee chairs can sit on the ad-hoc committee and up to three executive members, one of which must run the meeting
- 3. If no executive member offers to run the meeting the president may ask a specific executive member, until someone agrees or they themself must hold the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VI: ABSENCES**

#### Section 1: Unexcused absences

- 1. Members of the Executive Committee are allowed three unexcused absences between Student Government Executive Committee and General Body meetings.
- 2. Directors are also allowed three unexcused absences between their Committee and Faculty Committee meetings.
- 3. Committee Chairs are allowed three unexcused absences between their Committee meetings and General body meetings.

#### Section 2: Excused Absences

- 1. Student Government Executive Committee and Committee Chairs shall be excused if they missed the meeting due to the following:
  - a. Student Government related functions;
  - b. Required academic functions;
  - c. Dean's excuses issued for classes;
  - d. Varsity athletic competitions;
  - e. Religious observances;
  - f. Or as deemed appropriate by the President of Student Government and advisor.

#### Section 3: Committee meeting cancellations

1. In the event that the Director or more than half of the Committee cannot make it to their Committee meeting and it needs to be cancelled, the meeting must be rescheduled within a 3 day time period

#### ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE ELECTION PROCEDURES

#### Section 1: Election and Selection Timeline

- 1. The Presidential election will precede all other elections and selections in the Spring semester.
- 2. Director elections will take place after the President is elected.
- 3. Applications for Committee Chair positions will be due after Committee Directors are elected.

#### Section 2: Presidential and Executive Committee Elections

1. Any full time student of Lafayette College is eligible to run for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary if and only if they have previously served on Student Government, and are not on academic or disciplinary probation II. If

- they are on disciplinary Probation I, they must appeal for approval to run through the Advisor of Student Government.
- 2. If no students who have previously served on Student Government file to run for President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Executive Secretary, then the candidacy pool will be opened to the entire student body.
- 3. Any full-time student of Lafayette College who is not on academic or disciplinary probation II, or is on disciplinary probation I but is approved to run by the Advisor of Student Government, is eligible to run for a Director position on the Student Government.
- 4. A candidate must submit an Intent to Run form to be reviewed by the Elections Committee to appear on the ballot. If the Intent to Run form is rejected, the student may apply once more, with appropriate changes to the form in order to be considered for the ballot
  - a. An Intent to Run form may be rejected by a simple majority vote in the Elections Committee for any of the following reasons:
    - i. The content is obscene or inappropriate;
    - ii. Copyright Infringement;
    - iii. Form is incomplete;
    - iv. Reasons not listed before, but voted by the majority of the Elections Committee to be reason for rejection.
  - b. If no intent to run forms are filled for the Presidential or Executive Board position by the deadline, then the Elections Committee can continue to solicit intent to run forms until 48 hours before the election.
    - i. Should no intent to run forms be turned in after the extended deadline, then the position will be filled according to the procedures outlined in Article VIII, Section 1.
- 5. If a candidate is a full-time student studying abroad, the candidate is eligible to run if all deadlines are met. If the candidate leaves during their term as a Director, then the vacancy will be filled according to the procedures outlined in Article VIII, Section 3.
- 6. Each Executive Committee candidate may spend no more than \$25 USD, and each Presidential candidate may spend no more than \$75 USD for the purpose of campaigning. Any candidate exceeding this amount will be subject to disqualification upon majority vote of the Election committee.
  - a. The Budget Committee reimburses \$25 USD to Executive Committee candidates and \$75 USD to Presidential candidates after proper reimbursement procedures are followed.
  - b. Under no circumstances may candidates use personal funds, donations, fundraisers, or any other external means to finance campaign operations.
- 7. Each candidate must abide by a fair and respectful campaign. If a candidate does not follow these guidelines they will be subject to disqualification upon majority vote of the Election committee. That includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. No use of vulgar or derogatory language in campaign tactics including posters, media, slogans, or interactions with other candidates.
  - b. Refraining from defacing other candidate's advertisements, whether physical posters or on social media, defacing includes, but is not limited to, tearing down

- or damaging physical posters, or re-imaging a candidate's social media poster in a negative light
- c. Adherence to the College's poster, solicitation, and distribution of literature policies and in congruence with spending limits imposed by the Student Government election rules
- 8. Candidates who fail to adhere to these campaign rules, will be subject to disqualification upon a simple majority vote by Election Committee. Their behavior may also result in disciplinary actions by the College.
- 9. A general election of the Student Body will be held to elect the President and Executive Board. This election shall be done by plurality vote.
- 10. If no singular candidate receives a plurality of the votes cast for the office of the President, a run-off election between the two highest vote-getters will be held to decide the President. This election shall be done by plurality vote.
- 11. For Executive Committee elections, the candidate who receives the most amount of votes, even if plurality is not met, is elected to the position.
  - a. All currently-enrolled members of the Student Body shall be eligible to vote in both elections.
  - b. All students will be given the opportunity to vote for President and all-Executive Committee positions.
- 12. Any procedural questions not resolved by this document will be adjudicated at the discretion of the elections committee.

# Section 3: Appeals process

- 1. If a candidate has previously served on Student Government but was impeached, resigned, or their seat was declared vacant, then in order to run for re-election, the candidate must appeal successfully to the current elected representatives of Student Government in order to be placed on that year's ballot. This shall be known as the Appeals Process.
  - a. The appeals process can only occur if quorum is in attendance at the Executive Committee meeting where the appeal takes place.
  - b. The outcome will be decided by a simple majority vote by the Student Government President and Executive Committee in attendance at said meeting.
  - c. Candidates electing to invoke the appeals process should be prepared to answer questions from the floor, as well as these general questions:
    - i. Describe the circumstances under which they originally vacated their role within Student Government, whether voluntarily or involuntarily.
    - ii. Articulate their desire to rejoin the organization, what they have learned from their prior experience, and what has changed since their original departure.
- 2. If denied, the potential candidate may elect to appeal one additional time during the next year's general election or if a special election is called. The appeals process can only be used a maximum of two times.

# Section 4: Adjudicating disputes in the election process

- 1. To prevent disputes, candidates must pre-approve all election marketing decisions with the Elections Committee. The Elections Committee will approve by majority vote within one week of receiving the material.
- 2. Disputes that arise during the elections of Executive Officers shall be adjudicated by members of the Elections Committee
  - a. If the Elections Committee decides that sanctions against a candidate are appropriate, the Committee will use majority vote to determine the sanction imposed. Sanctions may include but are not limited to removal from candidacy, removal of funding, notification on the ballot of policy breached or behavior committed

#### ARTICLE VIII: FILLING THE VACANCY OF A DIRECTOR

#### Section 1: Lack of candidates

1. The Election committee will hold a special election for the open position(s). This election shall be done by plurality and with a timeline of the committee's choosing.

## Section 2: Director Resignation and Impeachment

- 1. The currently serving Committee Chairs will be eligible to express intent to fill the position, and be voted on by simple majority of the Executive Officers. If no Chair expresses intent, or receives a majority vote of the Executive Officers, then a special election for the Director position will be held.
  - a. The special election will be run by the chosen Executive Officers with a timeline of its choosing
- 2. If a Director is impeached submits to the Student Government in writing their resignation after the last day of march, then their seat shall be declared vacant.
  - a. In the case of a vacant seat of a director, the vice president or a current director absorbs the duties coinciding with the vacant seat

#### Section 3: Director Leaves for Abroad

- 1. If a director is chosen that plans on studying abroad then they may choose a committee chair to absorb their duties;
  - a. If committee chair declines offer it is open to the the entire committee
  - b If no committee chairs offer to

#### ARTICLE IX: SELECTION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT CHAIRS

# Section 1: Eligibility

1. All currently enrolled students not under academic probation, or are on academic probation 2 and cleared by the student government advisor are able to apply for a committee chair position.

## Section 2: Selection Process and Timeline

- 1. Candidates must first complete an online application indicating their interest in a committee chair position during the time that the application is open.
- 2. Upon the ending of the online application period, the President of the Student Government will read through all of the applications received for a initial round of screening.
- 3. The Executive Committee will vote on a selection timeline
- 4. The selection process will be run according to the discretion of the Executive Committee

#### ARTICLE X: IMPEACHMENT AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

# Section 1: Impeachment of Executive Officers other than the President

- 1. Should an Executive Officer other than the President fail to complete the duties of their office, the President may motion that the officer be impeached at an Executive Committee Meeting
- 2. To make a motion to impeach the officer, the President must make tell the officer at least a week in advance of the Executive Meeting in which the motion is made, so that the officer has ample time to speak with the President, Student Government Advisor, and other members of the Executive Committee
- 3. Before the motion for impeachment is voted on, the charges for which the officer is being impeached must be clearly laid out and put in writing before the Executive Committee
- 4. A motion for impeachment requires at least a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> majority of the Executive Officers to pass
- 5. If the officer is successfully impeached, then at the very next full body meeting a motion must be made by the President for the removal of the officer from their position
- 6. A motion may not be made for the removal of an Executive Officer from their position unless they are first impeached by the Executive Committee
- 7. A motion for the removal of an Executive Officer from their position must get at least a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> majority from the General Body to pass
- 8. If the Executive Officer is successfully removed from office, their vacancy will be filled as Article VII of the Bylaws outlines

# Section 2: Impeachment of the President

- 1. The process for the impeachment and removal from office of the President is the same as the process for any other Executive Officer, except the motion for impeachment may be made by any Executive Committee member, so long as the President has been notified in writing at least a week in advance of the motion being made
- 2. If the President is successfully impeached by the Executive Committee, then the same Executive Officer that made the motion for impeachment must make the motion for removal from office in the next General Body meeting
- 3. The motion for the removal from office of the President must receive at least <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the General Body's approval to pass
- 4. If the President is successfully removed from office, then the Vice President will assume the role of the position immediately
- 5. The vacancy of the Vice President will be filled as Article VIII outlines

#### Section 3: Removal from office of Committee Chairs

- 1. Should a Committee Chair fail to fulfill the duties of their position, the Director of their committee may motion to remove the chair from their position at an Executive Committee Meeting
- 2. For that motion to be made, the Committee Chair must be notified at least a week in advance of the meeting, and is permitted to attend the Executive Committee meeting in which the motion is made and defend themselves

#### **ARTICLE XI: RESOLUTIONS**

#### Section 1: Definition of a Resolution

- 1. A Resolution is a formal statement from the General Body of the Student Government that (1) affirms a commitment to a particular value, principle, or idea, (2) urges action by a person, group of persons, or organization other than the General Body of the Student Government, or (3) both affirms an ideological commitment and urges action beyond Student Government in virtue of that value or shared belief.
- 2. Resolutions shall be numbered according to the following format:
  - a. The first resolution passed of each year will be numbered "Resolution YEAR-01" where YEAR is the year in which the resolution is proposed (e.g. 2018)
  - b. All subsequent resolutions proposed shall be numbered "Resolution YEAR-XX" where YEAR is the year in which the resolution is proposed, and XX is a number created by adding one (1) to the number of the resolution previously passed. For example, of the previous resolution passed was Resolution 2018-01, then the following resolution proposed in the same year will be numbered Resolution 2018-02.
- 3. Resolutions shall be titled according to the following best practices:
  - a. They shall begin "A Resolution For..." (e.g. "A Resolution for Religious Inclusivity in the Classroom")
  - b. They shall be reasonably short, so that they can be easily named and spoken about
  - c. Their title should bear a reasonable and substantial relation to the ideological commitment being affirmed, action being urged, or both.
- 4. Resolutions should be kept as close to one page in length as possible, for ease of dissemination.

# Section 2: Proposing and Passing a Resolution

- 1. Any member of the General Body of the Student Government may propose that a resolution be added to the agenda of the next full body meeting, so long as ample time is provided for the Executive Committee to budget time accordingly.
- 2. To prevent an Executive Committee from hostilely refusing to add a resolution to the agenda with which they have a substantive disagreement, any resolution proposed to the Executive Committee must be added to the agenda of a full body meeting set to occur no later than three full body meetings after the resolution is proposed to the Executive Committee.
- 3. Any resolution on the agenda for a general body meeting will be debated and voted on according to the following procedure:

- a. The parliamentarian of the meeting will call on the author or sponsor of the resolution to introduce the resolution, explain why they are bringing it to the floor, and then read it in its entirety.
- b. The parliamentarian of the meeting will then open the floor for comments and call on members of the audience to speak.
  - i. Non Student Government members are welcome to make comments.
  - ii. Comments may either be statements in support, statements in opposition, proposals for amendments, or questions for clarification.
- c. After ample opportunity for due deliberation has elapsed, any member of the General Body may motion to vote on the Resolution. If the motion is seconded, all members of the General Body will have the opportunity to vote for, vote against, or abstain.
- d. A Resolution requires at least a simple majority of those in attendance (50% votes in favor) to pass.
  - i. The number of votes in favor, number of votes in opposition, and number of abstentions must be counted and recorded in the minutes by the Executive Secretary.
- e. If the Resolution does not pass after the first vote, it may be voted on two additional times during the same meeting. If the resolution does not pass after the third vote, then it may no longer be voted on during that meeting. This limit holds, regardless of whether the resolution is amended between votes or not.

#### Section 3: Dissemination of Passed Resolutions

- 1. If a resolution is passed, then it must be circulated to the President of Lafayette College, the general student body, and The Lafayette Newspaper.
- 2. When the resolution is sent to the above parties and groups the name of the sponsor should be included, as well as the vote count.
- 3. The sponsor of the resolution shall not be recorded on the document of the resolution itself, nor shall the vote count by which it passed.
- 4. The Resolution shall be printed and stored in the Student Government Office for historical purposes.

#### **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

#### Section 1: Definition of Amendment

1. An Amendment shall be any resolution proposing a change in the bylaws

#### Section 2: Passage of Amendment

- 1. Representatives of the Student Government may propose amendments to these Bylaws, or any full-time student of Lafayette College may present an amendment to the Student Government at one of its scheduled meetings. The Student Government shall study the proposed amendment and, if necessary, appoint a Special Committee to the President for the consideration of the amendment and the creation of recommendations
- 2. Proposed amendments must be introduced to the Executive Committee before the next general body meeting. The Executive Committee must vote on the proposed amendment

- before introducing it at the general body meeting. A majority vote is needed for initial passage.
- 3. Upon approval of The Executive Committee, proposed amendments shall be subject to a two-thirds majority vote of the General Body of the Student Government in order to become effective.

Section 3: Amendments to these Bylaws shall be voted on at a meeting of the Student Government. Proposed amendments shall be subject to a two-thirds majority vote of the Representatives of the Student Government in order to become effective.

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