



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 8th, 2024, 7:00 PM *Gendebien Room, Skillman Library*

CALL TO ORDER

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Roll call was conducted by Communications Officer Elle Lansing.

As recorded in the [attendance](#) list, members present were as follows:

Present:

Thania Hernandez '25, President
Yuko Tanaka '26, Vice President
Christo Maheras '26, Treasurer
Elle Lansing '26, Communications Officer
Alexandra Darrah '25, Representative
Molly Nylund '25, Representative
Virginia Sacotingo '25, Representative
Alex Brown '26, Representative
Ava Galia '26, Representative
Colin Gray '26, Representative
Tatia Jahan '26, Representative
Nate Rashkind '26, Representative
James Reese '26, Representative
Makda Baraki '27, Representative
Bryan Kibet '27, Representative
Lily Nylund '27, Representative
Dashawn Sheffield '27, Representative
Gracie Vale '27, Representative
Selina Zhu '27, Representative

Absent:

Olivia Boeckman '25 Representative

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N/A

Liz Borah '26 and Chelsey Cochrane '25 had valid excuses for a track event.

BUSINESS

Communications Officer Lansing motioned to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, February 1st, 2024. Vice President Tanaka seconded the motion and it unanimously was approved.

President Hernandez motioned to switch the executive session to after the interim executive session in the agenda. Communications Officer Lansing seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

[Vacancies and Plan](#): Vice President Tanaka

Vice President Tanaka outlined the timeline for vacancies and elections. They can be found in the link above.

Interim Exec Candidates

The interim period for Inclusivity Officer and Parliamentarian is one month. Those interested will run for either Inclusivity Officer or Parliamentarian at the end of the meeting.

President Hernandez motioned to add the interim election to the agenda. Treasurer Maheras seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

President Hernandez motioned to enter executive session. Treasurer Maheras seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The Student Government entered executive session at 7:17 p.m.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to end the executive session. Representative Gray seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The Student Government ended the executive session at 7:37 p.m.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to approve the comprehensive budget list. Representative Gray seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Committee Work

Each committee met in a group to discuss regular meeting times and to create group chats.

Interim Elections

Inclusivity Officer election: Colin Gray and Virginia Sacotingo

Colin Gray: Representative Gray had an internship on social justice that promotes inclusivity in sports. He feels he has adequate experience in inclusivity and diversity work.

Virginia Sacotingo: Representative Sacotingo wants to use differences to unite the student body. She wants to bridge the gap between administration and students. Sacotingo was chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. She wants to continue to develop the Pard Pantry and the Menstrual Equity Project.

Tanaka sent out a form for the general body to vote on the Inclusivity Officer position. The vote did not pass so Representative Nylund served as a delegate for Virginia. Representative Rashkind served as a delegate for Colin. A second vote was conducted and 64% voted for Sacotingo. Gray stepped down from the election and the Student Government voted for a third time. Sacotingo won the third vote unanimously.

Parliamentarian election

Selina Zhu ran for Parliamentarian unopposed. Zhu believes the Constitution holds the Student Government responsible. Representative Zhu won the vote unanimously.

OPEN FLOOR

The Student Government office needs to be organized and properly cleaned. Cleaning will occur on Friday, February 9th, 2024 from 2-3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by President Hernandez at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Elle Lansing '26, Communications Officer