



## **Lafayette College Student Government**

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 15th, 2024, 7:00 PM *Kirby 104*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **ATTENDEES**

Roll call was conducted by Vice President Tanaka.

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**  
**Olivia Boeckman '25 Representative**  
**Alexandra Darrah '25, Representative**  
**Molly Nylund '25, Representative**  
**Virginia Sacotingo '25, Representative**  
**Alex Brown '26, Representative**  
**Ava Galia '26, Representative**  
**Colin Gray '26, Representative (zoom)**  
**Nate Rashkind '26, Representative**  
**Bryan Kibet '27, Representative**  
**Lily Nylund '27, Representative**  
**Gracie Vale '27, Representative**  
**Selina Zhu '27, Representative**

Absent:

**Tatia Jahan '26, Representative**

Excused Absences:

**James Reese '26, Representative had an excused absence for a sports event. Makda Baraki '27 and Representative, Dashawn Sheffield '27 had excused absences for a NIA X ABC event.**

## **BUSINESS**

President Hernandez motioned to approve the minutes from last week's meeting held on February 8th, 2024. Vice President Tanaka seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

President Hernandez motioned to move committee folders before the mission and values presentation in the agenda. Treasurer Maheras seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

### *Committee Reports*

Each committee must submit a monthly report of what they are working on during the semester. These reports will be posted on the Student Government Instagram account.

### *President Hurd presentation on Mission & Values*

Working Groups:

1. Learning at Lafayette-academic experience
2. Working at Lafayette-faculty & staff experience
3. Enriching Student Life at Lafayette-residential life, co-curricular experience
4. Connecting Beyond Lafayette-connect to Easton and the Lehigh valley community and abroad
5. The Lafayette Campus-resources/life on campus

Campus-Wide Working Groups: Processes and Milestones

- Goal Identification, Identifying Action Steps, Recommendations

Process: This process started last spring. Mission & Values versions were released and community feedback was collected after each version was released.

### [Mission and Values Final Draft](#)

Each section of the final draft for values is as follows: Engaged Learning, Community Belonging, Responsible Citizenship, Purposeful Sustainability, Institutional Excellence.

### *Elections Updates- Vice President Tanaka*

The intent to run forms for [Parliamentarian](#) and [Inclusivity Officer](#) close on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024. Campaigning will start on February 22nd or 23rd. The positions should be filled by March 5th, 2024. Additionally, two spots are open for the [class of 2025](#).

### *Approval of Budgets- Treasurer Maheras*

All budgets except for LAVA were food requests and MSA requested money for Ramadan. Treasurer Maheras motioned to approve the budget requests. Representative Nylund seconded

the motion and it was approved. Representative Sacotingo abstained.

### *Committee Reports*

#### Academic Affairs:

- The committee didn't meet this week, but they will meet on Mondays at 4 pm.

#### Budgets:

- They worked on budget requests for the meeting this evening.

#### Communications:

- They met to discuss expectations for a posting schedule.
- They made a TikTok.
- They brainstormed possible projects for the semester.

#### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:

- They discussed permanent meeting spots and future projects.

#### Student Life:

- The first meeting for student life is tomorrow.

#### Student Orgs:

- They met in the Student Government office this past week and set up a time to meet with Vanessa Pearson.

#### Sustainability:

- They set up a meeting with Sam Smith to talk about sustainability efforts and the Caps & Gowns program.

### **Dining Ad-Hoc:**

The pop-up for Cinco Cantina did not have the full menu. Dining wants to launch Cinco Cantina as soon as possible. They will have a build-your-own salad and a nacho option and they are committed to full meal swipes. The renovations will happen during the summer. In order for the plan to be carried out the school needs to make changes to Gilberts. Their plan is to have the Gilberts menu join lower for a combined menu. Gilbert's will become a coffee house with all day breakfast. Cinco renovations will start as soon as possible. Gilbert's renovations will start right after commencement and meal swipes will be available at all locations. The hours would be changing and are not specified yet. The heads of dining are coming on February 29th to request feedback on this proposal.

**OPEN FLOOR**

The general body discussed alternative meeting locations besides Kirby Hall of Civil Rights. Some potential locations include a RISC classroom or New Oechsle.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Communications Officer Lansing seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by President Hernandez at 8:29 p.m.

**Submitted by**

Elle Lansing '26, Communications Officer