



## **Lafayette College Student Government**

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 22nd, 2024, 7:00 PM *Kirby 003*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

### **ATTENDEES**

Roll call was conducted by Representative Nylund.

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

Present:

**Thania Hernandez '25, President**  
**Christo Maheras '26, Treasurer**  
**Olivia Boeckman '25 Representative**  
**Alexandra Darrah '25, Representative**  
**Molly Nylund '25, Representative**  
**Virginia Sacotingo '25, Representative**  
**Nate Rashkind '26, Representative**  
**Tatia Jahan '26, Representative**  
**Ava Galia '26, Representative**  
**Makda Baraki '27, Representative**  
**Lily Nylund '27, Representative**  
**Dashawn Sheffield '27, Representative**  
**Gracie Vale '27, Representative**  
**Selina Zhu '27, Representative**

Absent:

**Chelsey Cochrane '25, Representative**  
**Liz Borah '26, Representative**  
**James Reese '26, Representative**  
**Alex Brown '26, Representative**  
**Bryan Kibet '27, Representative**

Excused Absence:

**Yuko Tanaka '26, Vice President**

**Elle Lansing '26, Communications Officer**

**Colin Gray '26, Representative**

## **BUSINESS**

Communications Representative Lily Nylund '27 motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 15th, 2024. The motion was seconded by President Hernandez and unanimously passed.

### *Elections Update*

- Two people are running for Inclusivity Officer and two people are running for Parliamentarian. In each election, one candidate is a current member of Student Government and one is not.
- We did not receive any junior class representative applications.
- We need at least three juniors to apply because if Virginia wins the election there will be three vacancies in the junior class.

### *Approval of Budgets*

- NIA and SASA initially submitted budget requests incorrectly and had to resubmit.
- Men's club basketball had an outstanding budget request.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to approve budgets. The motion was seconded by President Hernandez and unanimously passed.

### *Committee Reports*

Sustainability: Their current goal is to work on the gowns for graduation. They plan to introduce more water bottle stations and work alongside dining. The annual sustainability survey will be sent out to gauge sustainability literacy.

DEI: They are focusing on the first event which will introduce the committee to campus.

Student Life: They sent a survey to Lafayette Today to create a platform for students to book counseling appointments. They hope to collaborate with Pard Pantry for a resource drive.

Communications: Their goals include transparency and student engagement. They plan to achieve this by ensuring the student body knows who their representatives are as a committee. This committee aims to advertise open meetings and accessibility of minutes.

Budgets: They transitioned to one office hour session per week. They want to revisit guidelines

to clear up any current confusions. They are beginning to provide workshops (i.e. how to fundraise) on how to cut down expenses that shouldn't be covered by Student Government, but by the school.

Pard Pantry: They began to purchase orders and started reaching out to international students to gauge their needs and suggestions. Pard Pantry is open on Saturdays between 12-2 PM.

Accessibility: They are trying to increase transparency in the Administration's efforts. They plan to incorporate and integrate more accessibility related educational programming. They also want to work on projects with other student organizations.

Menstrual Equity Project: This committee will ensure the school is replenishing the dispensers. They are planning to meet with L-RAJE.

## **OPEN FLOOR**

Christo Maheras motioned to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Gracie Vale and unanimously passed.

Thania motioned to exit the executive session. The motion was seconded by Christo Maheres and unanimously passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Thania Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Olivia Boeckman and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

### **Submitted by**

Molly Nylund '25, Communications Representative