



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 11th, 2024, 7:00 PM *Pardee 102A*

CALL TO ORDER

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ATTENDEES

Roll call was conducted by Communications Officer 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
Sasha Carter '27, Inclusivity Officer
Chelsey Cochrane '25, Representative
Liz Borah '26, Representative
Alex Brown '26, Representative
Sophia Lombardo '26, Representative
James Reese '26, Representative
Makda Baraki '27, Representative
Luna Garces '27, Representative
Barabara Odae '27, Representative
Gracie Vale '27, Representative
Selina Zhu '27, Representative

Tardy:

Ava Gallia '26, Parliamentarian
Colin Gray '26, Representative

Excused Absences:

Olivia Boeckman '25, Representative
Alexandra Darrah '25, Representative
Molly Nylund '25, Representative

Tatia Jahan '26, Representative
Nate Rashkind '26, Representative
Bryan Kibet '27, Representative

BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

Communications Officer Lansing motioned to approve the minutes from March 28th, 2024. Vice President Tanaka seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Budget Approvals

Spanish Speakers asked for \$400 for apparel and the frisbee team asked for \$200 for pizza. The Student Government does not pay for food so the body only voted on the request made by Spanish Speakers.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to approve \$400 for Spanish speakers' apparel. Communications Officer Lansing seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mission & Values Presentation

Mission: There are four sentences in the mission statement. There was debate over whether “leaders” is an inclusive word.

Values: They are also shorter but they did not change. Hurd wants the Student Government to endorse the revised Mission & Values statements.

Next Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 there will be a discussion over the Strategic Plan in the Wilson Room in Pfenning from 12:00-1:15pm. Register for the event [here](#).

Student Organization Announcement-Club Approval Process

Agenda: Club Presentations, Q&A Session, Executive Session, Final Vote.

Each club will present for about five minutes. Six clubs will present on April 18th and six clubs will present on April 25th, 2024. The clubs are as follows:

Students for Life, Problem Solving Club, Women’s Club Basketball, Makers Guide, National Alzheimer’s Buddies, Brain Exercise Initiative, Cheese Club, Culinary Club, EDM DJ Club, and Global Medical Brigades.

Treasurer Maheras mentioned how every decision that we make sets a precedent.

Pard Pantry Update

On April 27th, from 2-4pm there will be a grand opening for Pard Pantry. Selina and Luna will be volunteering at the Pard Pantry this Saturday.

Committee Work

Each committee broke out into groups to work on individual initiatives and projects.

Committee reports

Academic Affairs: They will plan to talk to the new provost and meet with Mark Sommers.

Budget: Nothing to report.

Communications: Comms is going to host a graphic making workshop next Monday, April 15th at 7pm in Pardee 102B. The committee report for March is almost done, the committee will review the report.

Equity and Inclusion: 11 clubs were in attendance at President Hurd's dinner. Each club voiced their concerns to the Equity and Inclusion committee and other members of Student Government. They are working on communication between all the club heads and setting up a standing meeting three times per semester. They are also working on creating a newsletter.

Student life: They did not meet this past week.

Student Organizations: They met with leaders from each prospective club. They asked questions about each club. At the next meeting they will gather the notes from each interview and suggest recommendations.

Sustainability: They will move the water bottle clean-up to Monday. The art collaboration is happening April 17th.

Ad Hoc

Menstrual Equity Project: Nothing to report.

Pard Pantry: Nothing to report.

Accessibility: They talked about accessibility ambassadors to teach other people. They are in communication with Waves of Equality to set up a workshop.

Census: Their committee report is in and they will be meeting after this meeting.

Dining: A dining representative will be at each meeting with MSA and dining. Plans for the Gilbert's and Cinco renovations are still set to be completed on time.

OPEN FLOOR

Vice President Tanaka announced office hours for Friday and next Tuesday.

Parliamentarian Gallia is tabling for the class of 2025 applications. Ava will send out more details in the next few days.

The Sustainability committee has a table at EarthFest from 1-4pm on April 18th, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

President Thania Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lansing and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by

Communications Officer Lansing