



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 12th, 2024, 7:00 PM *Leopard Lair 009*

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Tanaka called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

ATTENDEES

Roll call was conducted by Communications Officer Lansing.

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

Present:

Yuko Tanaka '26, Vice President
Christo Maheras '26, Treasurer
Elle Lansing '26, Communications Officer
Ava Gallia '26, Parliamentarian
Sasha Carter '27, Inclusivity Officer
Olivia Boeckman '25, Representative
Molly Nylund '25, Representative
Olivia Puzio '25, Representative
Alex Brown '26, Representative
Sophia Lombardo '26, Representative
Nate Rashkind '26, Representative
James Reese '26, Representative
CJ Conrad '27, Representative
Luna Garces '27, Representative
Lily Nylund '27, Representative
Gracie Vale '27, Representative
Selina Zhu '27, Representative

Tardy:

Chelsey Cochrane '25, Representative
Liz Borah '26, Representative
Alexandra Darrah '25, Representative

Excused Absences:

Thania Hernandez '25, President

Shanza Asif '27, Representative
Bryan Kibet '27, Representative
Tori Hneleski '25, Representative

Unexcused Absences:

Tatia Jahan '26, Representative

BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

Communications Officer Lansing motioned to approve the minutes from September 5th, 2024. Representative Brown seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Vote on MEP

The general body discussed our involvement in this project. Vice President Tanaka motioned to dissolve the Menstrual Equity Project ad hoc committee. Representative Brown seconded the motion. There were 16 approvals and one abstention by Representative Puzio.

Sustainability Committee Chair

Sophia Lombardo is running for sustainability chair. She previously served on the committee and assisted Colin, the previous committee chair.

Ava Gallia is also running for sustainability chair. She also served on the committee and worked on implementing sustainability programs.

Swipe It Forward Presentation – Addison Moore

Presentation:

Moore shares that he is very passionate about food insecurity. As a freshman he had 8-9 meal swipes left per week which inspired the program. He explained how there are excess meal swipes unused by students. Moore's plan is to have several events hosted during a specific week. Some ideas include a midnight food fight and battle of the bands. At the end of the week, Parkhurst will match each meal swipe with a donation and have the workers work overtime to package food for the Easton community. It involves several organizations on campus including Landis, Parkhurst, LaFarm etc. No one wants to take on the strain or reliability of the program and Moore is hoping Student Government will take on the project.

Questions:

1. What are the risks? This is a program that the Student Government will have under their umbrella. He envisions that other departments will run the program itself, but the Student Government will formally take on the project.
2. Do you actually need our help because you haven't reached out? This program isn't about excess food, it is about food that doesn't exist. The program is separate from the other existing programs combating food recovery.

3. There were issues with employees being overworked and underpaid. How will you hold Parkhurst accountable for making the extra meals considering what happened last year? Parkhurst is doing this project because their PR on campus is poor.
4. Have they told you what the meals actually look like? However many meal swipes they get, Parkhurst will match the swipes, buy food in bulk, make trays of food, and then package it in individual containers.
 - a. Follow-up: after the week ends, is swipe-it-forward over? No, hopefully it will be an annual event.
5. The meal swipes that aren't used affect the students instead of the community. Do you anticipate backlash? Moore shared that he surveyed students entering Marquis and asked them if they would be willing to spend their meal swipes on specific events. He found that students *would* be willing to spend their meal swipes on fun events.
6. What is the reasoning for having the events throughout the week? Having an event and an incentive will make people spend their meal swipes more evenly.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to enter executive session. Vice President Tanaka seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to exit the executive session. Communications Officer Lansing seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to approve fall budgets. Communications Officer Lansing seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – They are updating the course listings on the website, developing the recommendation guide, and updating the textbook donation library system.

Budget – The rest of the semester they are overhauling the financial guidelines.

Communications – They met this week and plan to host a social/get together on the quad.

DEI – They are planning on having meetings with other DEI clubs on campus.

Student Life – They want to make a newsletter and meet with the counseling center to complete projects.

Student Organizations – They are checking on club status activity.

Sustainability – They are planning on reconnecting with Sam and Josh Parr and pick up where they left off last semester.

Ad Hoc

Census – Their goal is to be more established this semester.

Dining – N/A

Pard Pantry – They do not have a meeting time yet for this semester.

Accessibility – They are still figuring out their meeting time for this semester.

OPEN FLOOR

There will be office hours on Friday from 12:30-1:30 pm every Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Tanaka motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lansing and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by

Communications Officer Lansing