



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 5th, 2024, 7:00 PM *RISC 262*

CALL TO ORDER

President Hernandez 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:

Thania Hernandez '25, President
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
Tori Hneleski '25, Representative
Molly Nylund '25, Representative
Olivia Puzio '25, Representative
Alex Brown '26, Representative
Tatia Jahan '26, Representative
Sophia Lombardo '26, Representative
Nate Rashkind '26, Representative
James Reese '26, Representative
Shanza Asif '27, Representative
CJ Conrad '27, Representative
Bryan Kibet '27, Representative
Luna Garces '27, Representative
Lily Nylund '27, Representative
Gracie Vale '27, Representative

Tardy:

Chelsey Cochrane '25, Representative
Selina Zhu '27, Representative

Excused Absences:

Alexandra Darrah '25, Representative

Liz Borah '26, Representative

BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

Communications Officer Lansing motioned to approve the minutes from July 31st, 2024.

Representative Kibet seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Student Activities Fee

Mark Sapara attended the meeting to discuss the student activity fee. He shared a breakdown of the student activities fee increase over the last few years. There was a 5.3% increase in the past year. It was raised from \$330 to \$342. The fee increase was due in part to the renovation of Leopards Lair.

Mark recommended that we should vote to keep the fee the same. If we increase the fee clubs and organizations might get used to spending certain amounts of money that might not be consistent. Mark explained how financial philosophy of spending is necessary. President Hernandez also recommended that we keep the activities fee the same at \$360.

President Hernandez motioned to keep the student activities fee the same. Inclusivity Officer Carter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Updates on Student Conduct

Austin Haytko discussed the new system for student conduct. The restorative practices website can be found off the student conduct website. Restorative practices and restorative justice is being implemented in the conduct system.

Student conduct will have a restorative justice option for people that come through the conduct system. This system deals with harms and needs instead of punishing an individual. This involves students in the process of their punishment. Sometimes it is not possible with certain situations.

Excluding parking, residence life, and vandalism & damages, behavioral conduct will not assess fines anymore. If something happens off campus it will likely be reported through the school.

Introduction of New Members

The new members introduced themselves to the General Body. Olivia P., Tori, Shanza, and CJ introduced themselves to everyone.

Faculty Committee Update

The faculty committee applications opened during the summer. There is one spot open for the Student Life Committee and two spots open for the Educational Policy Committee.

Budget Approvals

Treasurer Maheras gave a recap of summer, fall, and last spring budgets. We spent \$140,000 this summer on practice slots, coaching contracts, league fees, and pre-club fair events. All apparel requests were denied before the semester started.

There was around \$573,000 requested thus far. This is about \$320,000 over our means. Our budget is \$970,000. Student Involvement uses about \$300,000 and summer budgets uses about \$140,000. This leaves around \$530,000, or \$250,000 per semester. Fall budgets will be available next Monday. Office hours are Friday 3-4 pm in the Student Government office.

Committee Work

Each committee broke into their respective groups and coordinated a time to meet once a week.

OPEN FLOOR

Our meetings will be in Kirby Hall of Civil Rights next week.

ADJOURNMENT

President Thania Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lansing and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by

Communications Officer Lansing