



## Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 18th, 2024, 7:00 PM *Pardee 102B*

### 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**  
**Ava Gallia '26, Parliamentarian**  
**Sasha Carter '27, Inclusivity Officer**  
**Chelsey Cochrane '25, Representative**  
**Alexandra Darrah '25, Representative**  
**Molly Nylund '25, Representative**  
**Liz Borah '26, Representative**  
**Alex Brown '26, Representative**  
**Sophia Lombardo '26, Representative**  
**James Reese '26, Representative**  
**Luna Garces '27, Representative**  
**Bryan Kibet '27, Representative**  
**Barabara Odae '27, Representative**  
**Gracie Vale '27, Representative**  
**Selina Zhu '27, Representative**

Excused Absences:

**Nate Rashkind '26, Representative**  
**Colin Gray '26, Representative**

Unexcused Absences:

**Makda Baraki '27, Representative**  
**Olivia Boeckman '25, Representative**  
**Tatia Jahan '26, Representative**

## **BUSINESS**

### *Approval of the Minutes*

Communications Officer Lansing motioned to approve the minutes from April 11th, 2024. Vice President Tanaka seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### *Budget Approvals*

This week there are four unanticipated requests and two reallocations.

- The Equestrian Club needs money for their national competition.
- Yarn Club overdrafted their account and the budget committee declined this request.
- LACSA is requesting money for an African wedding.
- MAFIA is reallocating money.
- Model UN is requesting \$60 for food for a conference.
- BOL needs money for apparel.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to approve the budget approvals listed above. Communications Officer Lansing seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

### *Motions for Student-Faculty Committee Presentation*

Motion 1: Faculty can choose to submit their syllabus through the school-wide repository.

Motion 2: Each department will have their own collection of course information including syllabi and other documents.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to endorse both the motions for the syllabus repository. President Hernandez seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

### *Club Presentations*

Each club was given five minutes to present and a three minute period to answer questions.

#### **Problem Solving Club**

The club head believes that problem solving is an integral part of each person's "academic and non-academic life." They want to encourage problem solving to students at Lafayette.

Club Events:

- Regular meetings with presentations on problem-solving concepts
- Special events with other Lafayette Departments such as the Dyer Center
- They plan to collaborate with other disciplines
- Wants to participate in competitions – locally and statewide

They plan to attract and retain members by holding special events such as competitions and puzzles. They plan to automatically retain members by holding regular meetings and events.

Questions:

- What does problem solving mean? It means identifying problems and unpacking them as a group.
- Is there a specific problem that you will be solving? Not one specific problem was articulated.
- Do they plan to compete? Possibly if other departments comply.

#### **Lafayette Glassmaking Club**

They want to explore glass as an artistic and scientific material. They want to work on glassblowing, creating stained and fused glass, and explore glass in sculpture. There is material science, art, and chemistry involved in glassmaking.

- They have support from the Art, Chemistry, and Engineering departments.
- They have partnered with ArtsQuest and the Banana Factory to work on glassblowing.
- Classes are very expensive (\$100+ per person) and studio hours (\$45/hr)

Questions:

- What is the percentage of funding from the Arts and Chemistry department? \$1000 from the arts department.
- Is this club open to all members regardless of skill level? Yes
- Safety and liability? The process is safe depending on the studio.
- Meetings? They will be doing other things besides going to the hot studio.
- Do you need funding for transportation? The dues will pay for transportation and funds from other departments will cover the cost.

- Will there be sufficient demand to go to the glass making studio? There will be demand, but only a select few members can attend each week or month. They will have a waitlist or a rotation model.

### **EDM/DJ Club**

Their mission is bringing together a community of EDM and DJing. They want to foster relationships with other clubs on campus. In addition to fostering connections on campus, they also want to expand to the Easton area for DJing gigs.

Long term goals:

- Semesterly or yearly student-run show – potentially collaborate with LIMS and Lafchella.
- Form bonds within the club and the area.
- Providing the club with resources, teaching new students, giving opportunities for performance and network.
- Open format spaces for members to DJ, holding classes, master classes, field trips and excursions to music festivals and events.

Questions:

- A lot of the music groups are folded into LIMS. How come your club can't be part of LIMS? Offer a unique perspective because the club will attract more people and "bring the DJs together."
- Where do you plan to host meetings so you do not disturb others? They aren't loud sound events and can find places on campus. They plan to use Leopard Lair for more formal events.
- Where do you need funding? An equipment rental or eventually purchasing a DJ mixing board. They might hire a producer or professional DJ to host a master class.

### **Brain Exercise Initiative**

The Brain Exercise Initiative is a branch of a national organization. Their mission is to prevent memory disorders in elderly individuals with quick brain exercises.

For the aging population they plan to increase awareness among students about the importance of maintaining cognitive health throughout the lifespan by bringing attention to the needs of the aging population. They are currently talking with Landis to get into their category of aging population volunteering. For their budget they just need money for transportation. All the materials are given to them by the national organization.

Questions:

- Do you have any data on success rates? The success rates can be found on the national Brain Exercise Initiative website.
- Have you considered partnering with the neuroscience club? They already have a strong connection with the club but the initiative is separate from the values of the neuroscience club.

### **National Alzheimer's Buddies**

All members of the organization are college students and it is a national organization similar to BEI. They plan to organize weekly visits to Gracedale, specifically the Alzheimer's unit. They have a specific program planned for each visit. In addition to weekly trips, they also will host monthly meetings to get feedback from the club members. The funds they plan to request will go towards transportation and program supplies. They have been in contact with Landis to be part of the MOSAIC branch of the Landis Center.

Questions:

- How is the longevity of the club sustained? It is a community engagement program that will be sustained through the Landis Center.

Representative Kibet motioned to enter the executive session. It was seconded by Vice President Tanaka and unanimously approved.

### **Executive Session: results of the club approvals**

Communications Officer Lansing motioned to vote on the Problem Solving club. Representative Nylund seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Eight members approved the club, eight members denied, and four abstained. This club is denied.

Representative Vale motioned to vote on the EDM/DJ club. Communications Officer Lansing seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Four members approved the club, 15 denied, and one abstained. This club is denied.

Communications Officer Lansing motioned to vote on the Brain Exercise Initiative. Representative Nylund seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. 17 members approved the club, two denied, and one abstained. This club is approved.

Communications Officer Lansing motioned to vote on Alzheimer's Buddies. President Hernandez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. 17 members approved the club, two denied, and one abstained. This club is approved.

Representative Kibet motioned to vote on the Glassmaking club. Communications Officer Lansing seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Eight members approved the club, seven denied, and four abstained. This club is denied.

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

Treasurer Maheras motioned to release the minutes next Wednesday, April 24th, 2024. President Hernandez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **OPEN FLOOR**

N/A

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Thania Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lansing and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

### **Submitted by**

Communications Officer Lansing