



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 4th, 2024, 7:00 PM *Kirby 003*

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
Alex Brown '26, Representative
Colin Gray '26, Representative
Tatia Jahan '26, Representative
Sophia Lombardo '26, Representative
Nate Rashkind '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

Excused Absences:

Olivia Boeckman '25, Representative
Liz Borah '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

Treasurer Maheras motioned to approve the reallocation requests proposed by the budget committee. President Hernandez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Constitutional Kahoot

The Student Government participated in a Constitutional Kahoot.

Pard Pantry Restock Sign-up

Pard Pantry is having their grand opening this Saturday from 2-4pm.

Mission and Values Proposal

The general consensus of the Student Government was hesitation to approve the Mission and Values statements. Most people are in support of the mission statement and the values are a bit unclear in terms of current ideals the college supports.

Treasurer Maheras questioned if the student-faculty committee holds the administration accountable or if Student Government would hold administrators accountable for the Mission and Values statements.

The administrative staff passed both statements based on the basis that this is an ideal for the college compared to a law. 137 approved the statements and 12 opposed the statements.

Both statements were shared with the Student Government to make comments on the document. These comments will be presented to President Hurd next week.

Superior Teaching Awards Committee

Vanessa Pearson, V.P. of Student Involvement sent out an email about the Superior Teaching Awards. It is the Student Government's responsibility to elect two awards. One is for the Superior Teaching Award for Science and Engineering and the Superior Teaching Award for Humanities and Social Sciences. An ad-hoc committee has been created for this faculty award selection.

Committee reports

Academic Affairs: They finished organizing the textbooks and they will sort them into individual categories. They are meeting with Mike Sommers on Monday.

Budget: Nothing to report.

Communications: They are hosting a graphic making workshop on April 15th, 2024.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: They are looking through all the contacts for each DEI club to attend the dinner. They will create a presentation to show at the dinner.

Student life: They are meeting with the counseling center. They asked the census committee to make a survey to send out to all resident advisors to give feedback.

Student Organizations: They looked through each club application and compiled questions to ask on their budget.

Sustainability: They will be meeting with the Office of Sustainability and they will be picking up supplies for the Arts House collaboration in the next week.

Ad Hoc

Menstrual Equity Project: They will be talking with L-RAJE and administration about the Menstrual Equity Project.

Pard Pantry: A lot of funds for Pard Pantry will expire in the next month. Inclusivity Officer Carter encourages everyone to reach out to international students to ask about items they will need during school breaks.

Accessibility: Waves of Equality responded and are willing to host a workshop with the Accessibility committee.

Census: The first survey is out and does not have great responses. They will be making the RA survey after this meeting.

Dining: Nothing to report.

OPEN FLOOR

- ISA is having a food tasting in the Marlo Room tomorrow at 5pm.
- There is a dance showcase tomorrow night at 7:30pm in Williams Arts Center.

ADJOURNMENT

President Thania Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lansing and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Submitted by

Communications Officer Lansing