



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 26th, 2024, 7:00 PM *Kirby Hall of Civil Rights, Room 206*

CALL TO ORDER

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:02 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
Alexandra Darrah '25, Representative
Anna Fenkel '25, Representative
Molly Nylund '25, Representative
Olivia Puzio '25, Representative
Liz Borah '26, Representative
Alex Brown '26, Representative
Sophia Lombardo '26, Representative
Shanza Asif '27, Representative
CJ Conrad '27, Representative
Luna Garces '27, Representative
Bryan Kibet '27, Representative
Lily Nylund '27, Representative
Gracie Vale '27, Representative
Selina Zhu '27, Representative

Excused:

Chelsey Cochrane '25, Representative

Tardy:

Tori Hneleski '25, Representative

James Reese '26, Representative

Unexcused Absences:

Nate Rashkind '26, Representative

BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

Communications Officer Lansing motioned to approve the minutes from September 26th, 2024.

Treasurer Maheras seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to move budget approvals to after committee reports.

Communications Officer Lansing seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Financial Guidelines Presentation

Treasurer Maheras is proposing a financial guidelines ad hoc committee to revise the financial guidelines. They will plan to meet once a week.

The financial guidelines need to be revised, but there is concern over adding another ad hoc. The discussion over a financial guidelines adhoc is tabled until the next meeting.

Fall Fest Discussion

Ava reached out to Melissa about our ideas for Fall Fest. We could borrow a snow cone machine from Jake Bates. We could also do a s'mores or hot chocolate stand at the event.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – They are meeting with the provost soon and planning on posting a graphic for textbook donations.

Budget – They are tabling the conversations on the guidelines.

Communications – The Meet & Greet event is tomorrow on the quad. There will be apple cider and donuts at 12:30 in front of Farinon!

DEI – They are sending out the email for all DEI clubs for their first meeting. They are planning to rent a room in Kirby to meet with all DEI clubs. They will send out the newsletter during the meeting.

Student Organizations – They are going through each club to find out which ones are active or inactive. Kibet will go through the master list of all clubs and organizations. They want to add guidelines for the club approval process.

Student Life – They put the calendar out for October. If anyone has constructive feedback on the calendar, inform Sasha or Alex. They are distributing it across campus and will plan to hand out copies at the Meet & Greet event.

Sustainability – The committee contacted Josh Parr and are working on a tentative proposal for LaGarden. They attended the sustainability community meeting and they got the contact information for one of the directors of facilities.

Ad Hocs

Census – They are bringing up the focus group survey. Dining is contacting Alex so he can send out a survey. The Pard Pantry survey was also coordinated by the Census committee.

Dining – The dining committee met this week. The Dyer Center is taking on his Swipe-It-Forward initiative. One of the coolers at Eco Cafe is broken and the dining staff are working on repairing the cooler.

Pard Pantry – Fall break is approaching and they are planning to restock the pantry. She is planning to make care packages for Thanksgiving.

Accessibility – They are going to start looking for people outside Student Government. They plan to partner with other committees.

Discussion: We are spread a little bit too thin and we have to make the committees bigger before we do the rollover. We have to think about what adhoc want to be because they are temporary projects.

Budget Approvals

There are three budget approvals this week. OUT requested \$800 to fulfill the second half of their budget request for condom bingo. They are recommending \$500. Boxing requested \$3,726 for a coaches salary, but they are only going to get \$800 because of the frequency of practices. The Arts society requested \$4000 and the budget committee is planning to approve \$500 because of food requests.

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

Announcements & Updates

Vice President Tanaka announced that the Committee Monthly report will be posted before Fall break.

Vice President Tanaka encouraged everyone to think about why everyone chose to join Student Government. Each person wrote down why they joined on a post-it note.

OPEN FLOOR

Maheras requests to make the Financial Guidelines committee an adhoc.

President Hernandez motioned to appoint the Financial Budget guidelines adhoc.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by

Representative Brown and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Communications Officer Lansing