



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 26th, 2024, 7:00 PM *Kirby Hall of Civil Rights, Room 104*

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Tanaka 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:

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
Chelsey Cochrane '25, Representative
Alexandra Darrah '25, Representative
Tori Hneleski '25, Representative
Molly Nylund '25, Representative
Olivia Puzio '25, Representative
Liz Borah '26, Representative
Alex Brown '26, Representative
Sophia Lombardo '26, Representative
Nate Rashkind '26, Representative
James Reese '26, Representative
Shanza Asif '27, Representative
CJ Conrad '27, Representative
Luna Garces '27, Representative
Lily Nylund '27, Representative
Gracie Vale '27, Representative
Selina Zhu '27, Representative

Excused:

Bryan Kibet '27, Representative

Unexcused Absences:

Thania Hernandez '25, President

Anna Fenkel '25, Representative

BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

Communications Officer Lansing motioned to approve the minutes from September 19th, 2024. Treasurer Maheras seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Strategic Planning Update

The school finalized the mission and values statement last semester. In regards to the strategic plan, the school surveyed students and parents and looked at other colleges similar to Lafayette and analyzed their competitive analysis and their strategic plans. It is unique to Lafayette and distinctly represents the college. This past summer they “distilled up.” The presentation is not implementation, it is the big picture plan.

Last semester there were five working groups, students serving in each group. These include Learning, Working, Student Life, Connecting Beyond Laf, and The Lafayette Campus. Each group gave their feedback and recommendations to figure out the best plan and draft of the plan. They came up with a supplemental action item list. This was more tactical and assigned each request to a VP.

There has not been a strategic plan since 2007. President Hurd shared the Lafayette Commitment which included several points on commitment to undergraduate education, inclusive community of the whole, call to action that all members of the Lafayette community, a comprehensive plan that provides every student with a high quality learning experience in liberal arts and engineering. Also shared was Lafayette’s dedication to liberal arts. There is a Common Course of Study, committed teacher-scholars and talented staff, exposure of diverse ways of knowing and application of knowledge, and the responsibility of a global citizen.

The Strategic Plan can be found with this [link](#).

How does the Strategic Plan connect with the Campus Master Plan?

The Strategic Plan connects with the Campus Master Plan through collaborative academic spaces, physical infrastructure, resident hall renovations, natural & built spaces, reimagining Metzgar, student success hub, Campus connectivity, and community space.

At other schools the students are not at the center of these plans.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to move budget approvals to the last item on the agenda.

Parliamentarian Gallia seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – They met last week and sorted all the books. They requested a graphic. They will be reaching out to department heads regarding the course website.

Budget – They are revising the financial guidelines specifically the apparel metrics and transportation costs.

Communications – They are working on graphics and planning for the meet & greet event.

DEI – N/A

Student Life – They are working on a calendar for student and athletic events.

Student Organizations – They meet Thursdays at 3 pm and are working with clubs.

Sustainability – They are planning for the hot chocolate event. They are working on bringing Student Government to LaFarm.

Ad Hocs

Census – They are sending out a student satisfaction survey on dining.

Dining – The committee is meeting next Monday at 2:30 pm at Gilberts.

Pard Pantry – They ordered \$1000 worth of supplies. Members of the executive board and committee members will get fob access to the pantry.

Accessibility – They are working on improving the LEO program in terms of training and accessibility.

Committee reports are due September 29th, 2024. Fall Fest is coming up and we will have a table.

Budget Approvals

There are six budget requests.

- Student Government – Food request.
- PASA – They had an incorrect submission.
- LDC – Food request.
- Newman Catholic – They had an incorrect submission.
- Bohio – Food for Paint & Sip.
- Waves of Equality – They had an incorrect submission.

Treasurer Maheras motioned to approve the budget requests totaling \$4,880. Vice President Tanaka seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

OPEN FLOOR

Please be here on time for future meetings.

Field hockey plays American tomorrow!

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Tanaka motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Comms Officer Lansing Lansing and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by

Communications Officer Lansing