



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:05 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
Chelsey Cochrane '25, Representative
Tori Hneleski '25, Representative
Olivia Puzio '25, Representative
Molly Nylund '25, Representative
Liz Borah '26, Representative
Alex Brown '26, Representative
Sophia Lombardo '26, Representative
James Reese '26, Representative
Nate Rashkind '26, Representative
CJ Conrad '27, Representative
Luna Garces '27, Representative
Lily Nylund '27, Representative
Gracie Vale '27, Representative
Selina Zhu '27, Representative

Excused Absence:

Alexandra Darrah '25, Representative

Unexcused Absence:

Bryan Kibet '27, Representative

BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

President Hernandez motioned to approve the minutes from October 31st, 2024. Representative Brown seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Financial Guidelines Presentation

The census and the budget committee collaborated to make a survey on club satisfaction.

Around 55 percent of clubs believe they are not given a fair amount of money. Every decision the budget committee makes is stipulated by the financial guidelines. This brings up the issue of raising the activity fee. A lot of complaints they received were how the information was distributed and how funds are prioritized. There were also complaints of a lack of email response by the budget committee. In the future they are planning to do a better job explaining how the process works for the clubs.

Clubs generally think that other clubs spend too much money on apparel. People tend to think that their club doesn't spend a lot of money. A lot of clubs don't spend their entire budget they receive.

Ally asked about what kind of questions clubs ask Christo. Why haven't you approved my budget? These questions can be answered in office hours. Every single club that has come into office hours and asked for more money has walked out with nothing. It would be wise to make a google form so clubs can request budgets on a rolling basis instead of through an email account.

Treasurer Maheras reached out to the treasurer of Student Government at Amherst and she said that when clubs have a petition they require that they come in-person. President Hernandez suggested budget appointments instead of office hours.

Transportation is very expensive and apparel is also a big portion of where the club budgets are going. Additionally, work orders are also a large portion of the club budget. Instead of clubs paying for work orders the club can be fined if they do not clean up after themselves. What things could we ask for for the administration to pay for instead? Ex. transportation vehicles. Are clubs required to provide solid proof of their budget request? Yes, they have priority over clubs that don't provide additional information.

Committee Work

Each committee broke into their groups and worked on current projects and initiatives.

OPEN FLOOR

The positions of Parliamentarian, Treasurer, and Vice President are still open. The candidate forum is at 7 pm next Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Comms Officer Lansing seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Communications Officer Lansing