



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 26th, 2025, 7:00 PM, *Zoom*

CALL TO ORDER

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Brown motioned to add the club approval votes to the minutes from 5/8/25. It was seconded by Vice President Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTENDEES

Roll call was conducted by Communications Officer Gallia.

As recorded in the [attendance](#) list, members present were as follows:

Present:

Alex Brown, President
Sasha Carter, Vice President
Luna Garces, Inclusivity Officer
Gracie Vale, Treasurer
Ava Gallia, Communications Officer
Bryan Kibet, Parliamentarian
Charlotte Kinsella, '26 Representative
Prem Kumar, '26 Representative
Christo Maheras, '26 Representative
Sophia Lombardo, '26 Representative
Lily Nylund, '27 Representative
Charlie Weinstein, '27 Representative
Selina Zhu, '27 Representative
Maddie Malone, '27 Representative
Tendai Ankude, '28 Representative
William Bennett, '28 Representative
Annabele Hooey, '28 Representative
Natacha Ross, '28 Representative
Emerson Casper, '28 Representative
Allie Waxman, '28 Representative

Excused Absences:

Dorothy Fort, '26 Representative

Liz Borah, '26 Representative

Yuko Tanaka, '26 Representative

CJ Conrad, '27 Representative

Emma Lawrence, '27 Representative

Zach Mueller, '27 Representative

Milan Iezzi, '28 Representative

Tardy:

Unexcused Absences:

BUSINESS

First Fest Discussion

Elizabeth Miller from Lafayette Activities Forum discussed collaboration between LAF and the Student Government. Vice President Carter will be forming an informal committee to work on involvement. The goal is to increase our role in LAF and across campus more broadly as we pay for a substantial portion of First Fest.

Discussion of Student Involvement Budget

Melissa Dalrymple came to discuss Student Involvement's proposed budget for 2025-2026. The requested amount is \$205,000. The "Summer Programming" portion (\$30,000) will be used to finance activities for summer students both on College Hill and around the Lehigh Valley. The second portion of the budget is class year programming (\$105,000 total) with an emphasis on freshman and senior programs (\$50,000 each). The remaining funds requested are for Rivalry Week (\$25,000), Fall Fest (\$15,000), and Spring Fest (\$30,000).

Treasurer Vale asked if Student Involvement has ever considered funding activities for shorter breaks, such as Fall Break or Winter Break. Melissa highlighted some events that have taken place over Winter Break in the past, but they typically do not fund activities outside of summer. They would be open to hosting events if the funds and interest were present.

Student Activity Fee

The Activity Fee is currently \$360 a year. The argument in favor of increasing it is that it will give us more funds for campus events and budget allocations, and inflation has increased the price of items generally. The argument against increasing it is that we just rewrote our financial guidelines, we voted to increase it a year ago, and the cost of tuition was recently raised. Additionally, many students who are not involved in clubs are still required to pay the Student Activity Fee. Treasurer Vale advised against voting to increase the fee, given our recent restructuring of the guidelines.

President Brown motioned to enter executive session. Vice President Carter seconded the motion.

President Brown motioned to exit the executive session.

Committee Restructuring

The first committee for consideration of dissolution is the Financial Guidelines Committee. Treasurer Vale recommends dissolving it as it consists of the Budget Committee and executive members who consider guideline changes, regardless. The con of dissolving it is that we recently made radical changes to the guidelines, and students may have questions or concerns. Having a dedicated committee as they go through the changes may be beneficial. Another concern is DEI's involvement, as Inclusivity Officer Garces currently serves on the Financial Guidelines Committee. If the Financial Guidelines Committee dissolves, she may join the Budget Committee to ensure continued involvement. Further consideration may be made to add the Inclusivity Officer as a standing member of the Budget Committee.

President Brown motioned to dissolve the Financial Guidelines Committee.

The vote tally was 7 no, 9 yes, with 1 abstention.

The second committee for consideration of dissolution is the Dining Committee. There is consideration of merging it with Student Life. Representative Zhu pointed out that dissolving it would result in less attention being paid to issues of dining. The committee has done a lot of work this semester, and now has the momentum to continue its work with dining facilities.

President Brown motioned to dissolve the Dining Committee.

The vote tally was 10 no, 5 yes, with 2 abstentions.

In the future, there may be a more comprehensive rewrite of the constitution to restructure committees. Historically, we have aligned with faculty committees, but this does not necessarily have to be the case.

Pard Pantry Resolution Amendment

Consideration to amend the Pard Pantry resolution to allow for funds to be used over the summer. We have the money available; however, the resolution as written does not allow for it to be spent.

Inclusivity Officer Garces motioned to increase from \$8,000 to \$10,000 for the Pard Pantry. President Brown seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Budget Approvals

President Brown motioned to enter the executive session. It was seconded by Treasurer Vale and unanimously approved.

OPEN FLOOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you have a summer birthday, text Sasha
- We need rising seniors and juniors to fill vacancies
- Committee head meeting next week
- Next GB meeting is in July
- Elections will be coming up next semester. If you're interested in joining the committee, begin to think about it

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Brown. Communications Officer Gallia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by

Communications Officer Gallia.