



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 18th, 2025, 7:00 PM, *New Oeschle 107*

CALL TO ORDER

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Brown motioned to approve the minutes from 9/11/25. 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
Gracie Vale, Treasurer
Ava Gallia, Communications Officer
Bryan Kibet, Parliamentarian
Luna Garces, Inclusivity Officer
Dorothy Fort, '26 Representative
Christo Maheras, '26 Representative
Maia Merriman, '26 Representative
Sophia Lombardo, '26 Representative
Yuko Tanaka, '26 Representative
Prem Kumar, '26 Representative
Kate SantaMaria, '27 Representative
Lily Nylund, '27 Representative
Matthew Epp, '27 Representative
Maddie Malone, '27 Representative
Selina Zhu, '27 Representative
Charlie Weinstein, '27 Representative
Lorenzo Marsili, '27 Representative
Tendai Ankude, '28 Representative

William Bennett, '28 Representative
Emerson Casper, '28 Representative
Milan Iezzi, '28 Representative
Natacha Ross, '28 Representative
Allie Waxman, '28 Representative

Excused Absences:

Charlotte Kinsella, '26 Representative
Annabel Hooey, '28 Representative

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Unexcused Absences:

BUSINESS

Administrative Overview

Chief of Staff Scott Morse came to speak about the administrative structure of Lafayette. President Brown asked Morse to elaborate on the leadership team. This includes President Hurd, and Vice Presidents of the college's administrative committees. Additional leadership joins occasionally, depending on the agenda. They are currently fully staffed with no interim titles. Underneath each VP is a division of the institution, ranging in size. The largest division is the academic division, which includes the registrar, library staff, program chairs, department heads, and additional faculty. The second largest is finance and administration, overseen by Audra Kahr. Among others, her division includes the dyer center, general counsel's office, business services, public safety, and sustainability. Vice President Carter asked who representatives should initially reach out to if they have an interest in a potential project. Morse said they are a small enough organization that they can redirect to the appropriate location if necessary.

Climate Action Plan 3.0

A climate action plan is a pathway to reach Lafayette's goal of being a carbon-neutral campus by 2035. CAP 1, including a 20% reduction in emissions, sustainability as a strategic value, added EVST and EVSC majors, implemented composting and single-stream recycling, and established LaFarm and OOS. CAP 2.0 developed opportunities in teaching and practice of environmental stewardship and sustainability-focused teaching and research, and provided hands-on opportunities for learning. Lafayette has begun work with vendors to analyze a portfolio of the school's emissions, and is currently gathering feedback regarding sustainability on campus. Once they have compiled the full CAP 3.0, they will present the draft to the campus for comments. Lafayette is using a three-phased approach to develop the comprehensive CAP 3.0, which includes assessing, outlining the climate strategy, and finally assembling the CAP. Elliott-Knaggs requests that the Student Government use its platform to disseminate information about the plan to the larger student body. Representative Casper inquired about the phases and whether uncompleted plans from previous phases will be moved forward. VP Carter asked how student organizations can best support CAP 3.0. Elliott-Knaggs said that encouraging organizations to

attend meetings and participate in the process of the development of CAP is important. Rep. Merriman asked what organizations they hope to partner with. Elliott-Knaggs said that to be considered carbon-neutral, campuses can either buy energy credits or buy carbon offsets. They have bought carbon offsets to an extent, but would like to further reduce their direct emissions. A meeting attendee asked where Lafayette ranks in terms of sustainability progress amongst partner schools. Elliott-Knaggs responded that around 8 are currently carbon-neutral, and both Lafayette and Swarthmore have 2035 carbon-neutrality plans.

VP Activity

Vice President Carter led a brief workshop.

Representative Activity

Representatives broke out into groups to discuss what it means to be a representative and what students should expect from their representatives. The feedback will help with the constitutional rewrite.

OPEN FLOOR

- Training has been moved to Friday, October 3rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by

Communications Officer Gallia.