



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 16th, 2025, 7:00 PM, *New Oeschle 107*

CALL TO ORDER

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Brown motioned to approve the minutes from 10/9/25. 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
Bryan Kibet, Parliamentarian
Ava Gallia, Communications Officer
Luna Garces, Inclusivity Officer
Dorothy Fort, '26 Representative
Maia Merriman, '26 Representative
Charlotte Kinsella, '26 Representative
Sophia Lombardo, '26 Representative
Yuko Tanaka, '26 Representative
Lily Nylund, '27 Representative
Matthew Epp, '27 Representative
Selina Zhu, '27 Representative
Charlie Weinstein, '27 Representative
Tendai Ankude, '28 Representative
William Bennett, '28 Representative
Emerson Casper, '28 Representative
Annabel Hooey, '28 Representative
Milan Iezzi, '28 Representative

Natacha Ross, '28 Representative
Allie Waxman, '28 Representative

Excused Absences:

Prem Kumar, '26 Representative
Lily Nylund, '27 Representative
Maddie Malone, '27 Representative
Lorenzo Marsili, '27 Representative

Unexcused Absences:

Kate SantaMaria, '27 Representative
Christo Maheras, '26 Representative

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BUSINESS

Conference Report

Advisor Williams, Rep. Iezzi, and Treasurer Vale attended a Student Government conference in D.C. and shared what they learned. Rep. Iezzi highlighted having equitable lines of outreach that extend beyond just social media and certain campus groups. She asked what sort of events we could host that would reflect the Student Government and cater to diverse audiences. One of the speakers at the conference suggested an underwear run advertised as “Stu Gov Has You Covered.” Doing something akin to an event like this would boost engagement and portray the Student Government as more approachable. Rep. Iezzi also asked how we can boost engagement and dialogue between the Student Government and the general student body. Rep. Weinstein suggested a suggestion box. Rep. Lombardo noted that we should be capitalizing on the location of the Student Government office, as it is in a high-traffic area. She suggested a resource table outside of the office with physical printouts to reach more students. Rep. Bennett also suggested utilizing the bulletin board outside the office more. Rep. Waxman emphasized that we need to highlight our approachability more while steering students away from the mindset that Stu Gov is only responsible for budgets.

Treasurer Vale discussed the peer institutions they were able to speak with. She noted that every single school has a different approach, but they all have a senate system. They were also able to hear what works for other schools from a budget perspective. Rep. Iezzi said that a common factor of peer institutions was that they have their hand in many different aspects of campus life.

Robert's Rules of Order: Stu Gov Refresher

Parliamentarian Kibet took the Student Government through Robert's Rules of Order and the proper way to make a motion. We use Robert's Rules to ensure fairness and order, keep meetings efficient, protect everyone's right to speak and be heard, and make our decisions official and credible.

President Brown noted that while this order of business is standard, we are not obligated to follow it directly and often don't, as committees do not report every week.

Financial Guidelines Amendment

Treasurer Vale motioned to add the financial guidelines amendment to the agenda. It was seconded by Rep. Waxman and unanimously approved.

The Budgets Committee is proposing that all budget requests falling outside of Period A and Period B should be submitted 36 hours prior to the Student Government general body meeting in which they intend to be voted on. This includes Food, Unanticipated, and Appeal requests.

President Brown suggested that this period be slightly longer, in case future Budget Committees cannot meet on Wednesday. Treasurer Vale noted that they should be meeting before meeting to approve budgets anyway, and future committees can amend again if they want. Rep. Weinstein seconded what President Brown said and noted that clubs will only be able to submit until 7 AM on Wednesday, which does not give them that day. Rep. Iezzi pointed out that 36 hours balances the time needed for the Budget Committee to review requests, while giving students enough time to submit their requests.

Treasurer Vale motioned to vote on the financial guidelines amendment. It was seconded by Vice President Carter and unanimously approved. The amendment will be added.

OPEN FLOOR

- Vice President Carter reemphasized the service resolution.
- Vice President Carter spoke to attendees intending to run for exec, and reminded them that they are allocated \$50 for promotional materials. The intent to run will close on Monday.
- President Brown noted that there are guidelines for students intending to run, and all candidates should consult the elections manual.
- Dining is tabling on the Quad for their survey. They will have sweet treats and a spin-to-win wheel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Comms is holding a headshot workshop on Wednesday and Thursday, 6:15 PM in Kirby Hall of Civil Rights.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by

Communications Officer Gallia.