



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 2nd, 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 9/25/25. It was seconded by Communications Officer Gallia. 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
Ava Gallia, Communications Officer
Bryan Kibet, Parliamentarian
Luna Garces, Inclusivity Officer
Dorothy Fort, '26 Representative
Sophia Lombardo, '26 Representative
Yuko Tanaka, '26 Representative
Kate SantaMaria, '27 Representative
Lily Nylund, '27 Representative
Matthew Epp, '27 Representative
Selina Zhu, '27 Representative
Charlie Weinstein, '27 Representative
Lorenzo Marsili, '27 Representative
William Bennett, '28 Representative
Emerson Casper, '28 Representative
Milan Iezzi, '28 Representative
Allie Waxman, '28 Representative

Excused Absences:

Gracie Vale, Treasurer

Maia Merriman, '26 Representative

Charlotte Kinsella, '26 Representative

Prem Kumar, '26 Representative

Annabel Hooey, '28 Representative

Natacha Ross, '28 Representative

Unexcused Absences:

Christo Maheras, '26 Representative

Maddie Malone, '27 Representative

Tendai Ankude, '28 Representative

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BUSINESS

Election Ad Hoc

President Brown appointed the Elections Ad Hoc. The committee will be chaired by Inclusivity Officer Garces and Vice President Carter.

Committee Presentations

Student Organizations Update: Student Organizations is currently writing the recognition system for clubs. They also plan to draft a code of conduct and liability agreement, serving to protect both the clubs and the student government. Additionally, they have the delegate system, which is currently in the pilot phase.

Sustainability: The punch card program is back in action. Punch cards can be obtained through the college store, dining halls, and sustainability events. The committee is looking into Green Events Certification to see which aspects align with our financial guidelines. Climate Action Plan 3.0 is still ongoing.

Academic Affairs: Academic Affairs is in conversation with the Williams Art Gallery for a collaboration. This may include bicentennial events, volunteering, and additional collaboration with the Landis Center. They are also in conversation with the library to do media outreach, tabling, and volunteer opportunities. Additionally, the library is looking for suggestions for future resources to be implemented. There have also been discussions with the admin, staff, faculty, and the registrar.

Communications: Communications has been advertising for the election, which has included making posters to display in Farinon and making graphics for Instagram. In the upcoming weeks, they will be hosting a “meet your representatives” event in different resident halls and tabling in

Farinon. There will be more initiatives once voting officially opens. They are also in the process of filming a reel for the Pard Pantry.

DEI: September DEI Forum dates have been chosen and planned for the rest of the semester. In October, they will be having an event planning 101 workshop with orgs, where students can join to chat about how best to plan an event and what they look for when they say “mission critical.” Representative Iezzi and Inclusivity Officer Garces are continuing their delegate system, which Inclusivity Officer Garces will be overseeing to ensure attendance and engagement.

Dining: Dining shared their GrubHub update, which is currently live and has replaced mobile ordering. They met with the administration’s dining committee, who shared that there are now new icons and labels on food items. Allergen tickets are printed on green paper and are managed by a sous chef. There is also a dietary restrictions form available for students, which allows students to request a one-on-one meeting with the culinary team for accommodations. Dining will be tabling on four different days in October to get feedback on dining. There will be a fall dining survey.

Delegate System Overview

There are currently 13 clubs participating in the delegate system. Student Government delegates are responsible for attending one club general body meeting or event per month, and club delegates are responsible for attending two student government meetings. Inclusivity Officer Garces is working with the student organizations, while Rep. Iezzi is working with the Student Organizations committee. The club delegates presented:

Combatting Human Trafficking Initiative: The club learns about human trafficking initiatives, with a focus on Pennsylvania. They seek to educate the student body and reach out to local communities for support. They hope to draft a policy to present to the local government in Easton.

Refugee Action: A Student action group that does direct refugee resettlement in Easton. They work with Bethany Christian Services, based in Allentown.

Food and Farm Cooperative: They orchestrate volunteering at LaFarm. They have about 20 employees at LaFarm, and the amount of work hours required to run the farm is greater than their financial resources. They do the farm stand on Friday, provide food to food banks in Easton, and are at markets. Ultimately, they are the liaison between the farm and the campus.

Lafayette Outdoor Society: A group that brings students together through mountain biking, hiking, rock climbing, etc.

ESports Club: Club for individuals interested in both casual and competitive video games. They have a few competitive teams not currently competing, but are hoping to recruit more members to compete in events and tournaments online. Every other week, they have a casual game night where anyone can come to Keefe Commons and bring any gaming equipment they have. At the end of the semester, they have a bigger event in the Leopard Lair called College Hill Clash, where they encourage students to bring their gaming devices.

EMS Club: This club educated the student body on emergency service protocol. No certification is required to join, but after two years, they require that individuals are in the process of getting their EMS certification. They also partner with local EMS so students can gain hands-on experience.

Soulege A cappella: All-voices a cappella group on campus. They are performing this Saturday at Dance Marathon.

Socialist Reading Group: They primarily meet weekly at Pardee Hall to discuss socialism, capitalism, and other political systems. They are involved in the community and encourage the wider campus to get involved.

Bohio: Intersectional organization representing Afro-Latine and Caribbean diasporas at Lafayette.

NIA: Sisterhood for women of color run by women of color.

Salsa Club: Dancing and social club on campus. They have social dancing outside of campus, and partner with ISA.

Rep. Iezzi noted that each of these clubs serves an essential role on campus. Clubs can reach out to Inclusivity Officer Garces with further questions.

Board of Trustees Summary

There was a 694-person freshman class. This is a 31.2% acceptance rate. There was a slight increase in the retention rate. Pertaining to issues in the faculty meeting, some faculty raised concerns over the availability of the Wilson Room. There was also a question about H1-B Visas, given the new executive order. The college is currently looking for an exemption. Overall, there were record numbers of people visiting the college this weekend, and the college store had record-breaking sales. Reps. can share their concerns with Alex to be elevated to administration.

Grant System Resolution

President Brown motioned to vote on the grant system resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice President Carter and unanimously approved.

OPEN FLOOR

- Rep. Weinstein discussed the Green Events Certification. He asks that reps take a look and come back with feedback.
- Rec. Services is hiring!
- On October 8th, there will be a Constitutional Rewrite Forum in the Leopard Lair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Training session tomorrow for Freshmen who want to join Exec.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by

Communications Officer Gallia.