



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 25th, 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 9/18/25. 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

Charlotte Kinsella, '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

Selina Zhu, '27 Representative

Charlie Weinstein, '27 Representative

William Bennett, '28 Representative

Emerson Casper, '28 Representative

Annabel Hooley, '28 Representative
Milan Iezzi, '28 Representative
Natacha Ross, '28 Representative
Allie Waxman, '28 Representative

Excused Absences:

Tendai Ankude, '28 Representative

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Unexcused Absences:

Maddie Malone, '27 Representative
Lorenzo Marsili, '27 Representative

BUSINESS

Student Life Improvement Project

The Student Government reserve built up over COVID, giving us 68,000 to allocate for a campus infrastructure project. Representative Bennett presented proposals for a Student Life Campus “Infrastructure” Project. The project has three proposals, including the following:

1. Tennis court revitalization → This would include the implementation of portable pickleball nets and portable badminton nets. It would also include a revitalization of the outdoor lockers and shed materials to make recreational sports more accessible to a wider skill range and a larger demographic of students.
2. Outdoor recreation → This would include the implementation of recreation items, such as firepits, sand volleyball courts, tetherball, gaga pits, or hanging chairs, open to the entire student body. The most viable locations for these options include the Fisher courtyard, March Field (where the Mods used to be), the quad, and the courtyard behind Hogg Hall.
3. Farinon 2nd floor → Marlo Room could be expanded so its use could be applied to a variety of activities/programs, possibly including portable stages, new TVs, upgraded sound system, better lighting, a dance floor, etc. Recreational uses could include couches, ottomans, and ping pong tables.

Rep. Iezzi asked how the expansion of the Marlo rooms differs from the Leopard Lair. Student Life’s thought process was that the Marlo Room would act in conjunction with the Leopard Lair as another space for everyday use. Treasurer Vale pointed out that, with an upgraded sound system, the Marlo Room could be used for formals, which would be both cost-effective and convenient for organizations.

Of the tether ball/volleyball courts, Rep. Iezzi asked how we can ensure longevity and sustainability. Rep. Bennett responded that Rec. Services would be responsible for the maintenance of these facilities, and are aware of this arrangement.

Rep. Waxman asked about the potential for a fire hazard if we implemented fire pits. Rep. Bennett said that organizations would have to register with the school for use, and having a gasoline firepit that can be turned off and on easily will mitigate risk. Rep. Hooey suggested considering a portable fire pit that could be stored and put out for specific events. Advisor Williams pointed out that High Point University has fire pits similar to the fireplace in Lower Farinon, which does not have an open flame. Rep. Iezzi inquired about a possible partnership with Sustainability to ensure that whatever purchase is made is sustainable.

Rep. Maheras pointed out that maintenance is something to consider. It would cost us significantly if the responsibility fell on the Student Government. President Brown noted that this is not us voting to implement a project yet, and there will be further discussions with the administration to see about costs.

Representative Maheras motioned for reps to vote on their top two proposals. Vice President Carter seconded the motion. The top two were outdoor recreation and the Farinon 2nd floor expansion.

Election Timeline

Elections run every year in the fall semester. The timeline this year has moved up. Executive structure is 6 positions, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Communications Officer, Parliamentarian, and Inclusivity Officer. Comms. Officer, Parliamentarian, and Inclusivity Officer are all positions open to the public. The timeline will look like the following:

- Oct. 6- Intent to Run/GB Applications open
- Oct. 20- Intent to Run forms due
- Oct. 20- Election Committee Meets to Discuss Candidates
- Oct. 22- Candidates notified
- Oct. 23-Nov. 10- Campaigning
- November 6- Candidate Forum
- Nov. 10-14th @ 12p- Voting open
- Nov. 14- Announcement of new Executive Board
- Nov. 20- GB applications due
- Dec. 4- Gavel Passing
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There will be an open meeting on October 3rd from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Leopard Lair for students to ask questions regarding the election process.

The form to run for an executive position/apply to be on GB will be on OurCampus.

Fall Fest Discussion

Fall Fest will be from 12:30-3 on Saturday, September 27th. On top of the dunk tank, and to add an aspect of the Student Government, we will have questions to ask students and parents about the Student Government, with prizes for those who get them right. Reps. brainstormed questions.

Grant Proposal Discussion

President Brown proposed a grant system for student organizations.

Rep. Iezzi asked if there would be a way to withdraw the money if a student organization does not fulfill its allotted amount. President Brown said there is, and clubs will be required to provide a comprehensive breakdown of costs to ensure they are using the full amount. If a club does not use the full amount, the money will be put back into the reserve.

Rep. Merriman asked if this can only be used for organizations/events. President Brown responded that that is something they are looking into. Vice President Carter said that the language in the proposal is such that projects can be flexible, within reason, as long as they benefit the wider campus community.

A member inquired if there would be a public criterion for organizations wanting to apply. President Brown responded that organizations will be able to take creative freedom with their project, but there will be general guidelines for obtaining funding.

Rep. Hooey brought up concerns over the process and competitiveness among clubs looking to obtain a grant. She asked if there is a way to ensure groups of students (not clubs) have equal opportunity to participate in the grant system. President Brown responded that we want the program to be open to individuals/groups, and they will receive comprehensive details on how to apply.

Rep. Merriman asked, if the resolution passes, how the funding for the grants will continue over the years. President Brown said that future Executive Boards could look at the budget distribution down the line and see if the program is still feasible. The language in the resolution leaves room for reassessment.

OPEN FLOOR

- Training/election meeting will be 4:30-5:30 on October 3rd.
- Committee presentations by committee heads will be next week.
- Dunk Alex on Saturday at Fall Fest

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rep. Zhu announced a dining survey, which will be out in two weeks. The survey will address dining comments and concerns.

- Inclusivity Officer Garces announced that club delegates for their Delegate Pilot Program will be attending next week's meeting. Reps. are encouraged to engage with the delegates.

Vice President Carter motioned to enter executive session. It was seconded by Communications Officer Gallia and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by

Communications Officer Gallia.