



Lafayette College Student Government

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 30th, 2025, 7:00 PM, *New Oeschle 107*

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Communications Officer Gallia motioned to approve the minutes from 10/23/25. 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
Christo Maheras, '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
Charlie Weinstein, '27 Representative
Lorenzo Marsili, '27 Representative
Tendai Ankude, '28 Representative
William Bennett, '28 Representative
Emerson Casper, '28 Representative
Annabel Hooley, '28 Representative

Milan Iezzi, '28 Representative
Natacha Ross, '28 Representative

Excused Absences:

Prem Kumar, '26 Representative
Kate SantaMaria, '27 Representative
Maddie Malone, '27 Representative
Selina Zhu, '27 Representative
Allie Waxman, '28 Representative

Unexcused Absences:

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BUSINESS

Transition Documents

Vice President Carter led representatives in further adding to their transition documents.

NYT Subscription

President Brown led a discussion to determine whether we will continue to fund part of the NYT subscription given to all students. We currently split the cost 55/45 with the library, which we pay annually out of the student government budget. The costs are as follows:

- 2 yr. Renewal - 2026, no increase & 2027 3% increase (no financial exigency)
- 3 yr. Renewal - 2026, no increase, 2027 3% increase, & 2028 2% increase (no financial exigency)
- 4 yr. Renewal - 2026, no increase, 2027 3% increase, 2028 no increase, & 2029 2% increase (no financial exigency)

A three-year deal would be:

- 2026-27 (no increase): \$11,696.49
 - 55% portion: \$6,433.07

Treasurer Vale noted that the NYT subscription is valuable and used by all students, and reallocating the portion of the budget that we currently use to fund it would not make a large impact on the amount we have to allocate to student organizations.

Rep. Casper commented that students would likely not notice if the NYT subscription were taken away, and the \$11,000 we put towards it is a substantial amount of funds that could be utilized elsewhere. Rep. Iezzi respectfully disagreed, noting that now more than ever it is imperative for students to have access to the news.

Rep. Merriman said the school has previously declined to fund the NYT subscription, and the library cannot afford to pay more than they currently do. She emphasized that we should continue to support the subscription and increase advertising.

Rep. Ross seconded what Treasurer Vale said and emphasized that the library does not have the funds to continue the program on its own.

Rep. Maheras, who was part of the original proposal that is currently lapsing, noted that 2/3rds of the student body uses the subscription. Our job is to do what the student body wants, and it is clear that they utilize the subscription.

Rep. Tanaka, Rep. Nylund, and Rep. Epp all pointed out that classes frequently require the use of the NYT. This program benefits not only the students but also the professors.

Rep. Weinstein asked why we cannot go to the administration with the statistics of student use and request that they fund the subscription. This would allow for the money to be reallocated to clubs. He noted that we can continue funding the program this semester, and still request administration bear some of the burden.

Rep. Casper clarified her point, emphasizing that the NYT is extremely valuable and needs to be advertised to students better to ensure they are aware of their access to this campus resource.

Rep. Iezzi suggested potentially getting student feedback before making any decisions pertaining to administration. We can still fund this program while respectfully collaborating with the administration.

Rep. Garces said that ultimately, the question is not whether the administration should fund the subscription, but whether we are going to fund it now before it lapses.

Constitution Vote

Representatives went through the strikethrough of the Constitution. Vice President Carter motioned to vote on the Constitution. Parliamentarian Kibet seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, with all representatives voting Aye. The rewritten Constitution passed unanimously.

OPEN FLOOR

- Reps should fill out their service hours in the spreadsheet sent by Vice President Carter
- Attend class years' meetings!
- Members can get service hours by contributing to LAF's rivalry week

- On the Thursday of Rivarly Week, Stu Gov will be making pennants together

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by

Communications Officer Gallia.