



Lafayette College Student Government

Thursday, January 15th, 2026, 7:00 PM, *Zoom*

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Waxman motioned to add approving the minutes from November 20, 2025 to the agenda. Representative Lily Nylund seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

President Waxman motioned to approve the minutes from November 20, 2025. Communications Officer Cohen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ATTENDEES

Roll call was conducted by Hayden Cohen, Communications Officer. The attendance was recorded via this [sheet](#).

Present:

Allie Waxman '28, President

Annabel Hooey '28, Vice President

Grace Vale '27, Treasurer

Hayden Cohen '29, Communications Officer

Evalina Ibrahim '29, Inclusivity Officer

Amy Atuhaire '29, Parliamentarian

Ahmir Crawley '27, Representative

Lily Hoffman '27, Representative

Roy Nisson '27, Representative

Lily Nylund '27, Representative

Kate SantaMaria '27, Representative

Anoosh Ahsan '28, Representative

Will Bennett '28, Representative

Emerson Casper '28, Representative

Josh Horenstein '28, Representative

Milan Iezzi '28, Representative

Doga Uzel '28, Representative
Josh George '29, Representative
Gwyn Horn '29, Representative
Adil Kulmanov '29, Representative
Clovis-Lato Nkamga '29, Representative
Trefor Thomas '29, Representative
Matt Valenta '29, Representative
Zara Wilson '29, Representative
Alivia Bear '28, Non-Voting Member
Hannah Cohen '29, Non-Voting Member
Teddy Sukernik '29, Non-Voting Member

Absent (excused):

Ryan Burns '27, Representative
Matthew Epp '27, Representative
Chloe Miller '28, Representative

Absent (unexcused):

N/A

BUSINESS

Executive Board & Representative Introductions

All members of Student Government who were present presented a slideshow introducing themselves including their name, hometown, major, campus involvements, and a fun fact.

Introduction to Student Government

Vice President Hooey went over general ground rules for Student Government meetings:

- Quorum must be met to legitimize a general body meeting
 - Majority of members
- An agenda for each GBM will be posted 24hrs in advance

Resources:

- 2026 Google Drive (holds organizational materials, the constitution, and committee work)
- Communication (WhatsApp, Allison Williams, and the Executive Board)

Attendance:

- Each representative had 3 unexcused absences before a meeting is scheduled between the member and the Executive Board
 - To receive an excuse you must email reasoning to lafstugovexcuses@gmail.com
- Vice President Hooey also outlined the excused absences

Structure:

- President
- VP
- Treasurer

- Communications Officer
- Inclusivity Officer
- Parliamentarian
- Representatives

Role of Committee Heads:

- Organize meetings, communicate with other members, facilitate the completion of projects, delegate tasks, report back to exec and larger GB.

Committees:

- Academic Affairs
 - Focuses on academic aspects of Lafayette College. Responsible for the administration of the Student Government superior teaching award.
- Budgets
 - Head: Gracie Vale
 - Reviews student organization budget requests and recommends budget allocations to the Student Government General Body pursuant to the Student Government Budget Guidelines. The committee is co-chaired by the Treasurer and the Chair of the Standing Committee on Student Organizations.
- Communications
 - Head: Hayden Cohen
 - The Standing Committee on Communications initiates and develops a regular program to publicize actions of the Student Government and concerns to the campus. It facilitates the Student Government's relations with the College's Communications Division. The Committee is chaired by the Communications Officer.
- DEI
 - Head: Evalina Ibrahim
 - The Standing Committee on Equity & Inclusion serves as a liaison between the Student Government and intercultural organizations, coordinates programming efforts with the Office of Intercultural Development, and examines and explores opportunities to improve inclusivity on campus.
- Student Life
 - The Standing Committee on Student Life oversees the broadest set of responsibilities of all the committees. It collaborates with Bailey's Health Center, Dining Operations, Information Technology Services, the Library, Housing, and the shuttle operations to ensure that student feedback is appropriately heard and accommodated by all of the various student services offered by the College. It additionally liaises between the Student Government and Greek life organizations. The Inclusivity Officer serves as a member of the Committee.

- Student Organizations
 - The Student Organizations Committee supervises students through the process of forming new clubs, advises existing groups, and works with the budget committee to best determine how to financially support student organizations. It also ensures that the constitutions of all student organizations uphold basic College policy.
- Sustainability
 - The Standing Committee on Sustainability promotes the environmental sustainability of Lafayette, through coordinated programming efforts with the Office of Sustainability or advising student organizations and the College's operations.
- Dining Ad-hoc
 - The Dining Ad-Hoc meets with dining faculty every other week to discuss possible improvements, issues brought up by students, and promoting dining initiatives.
- Pard-pantry Ad-hoc
 - The Pard Pantry, operating from the Leopard's Lair, is dedicated to providing non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products to students at Lafayette College. Committee work including ordering, restocking, and opening the pantry on a weekly basis. Primary usage of the pantry is over breaks so communication between members and Ally is crucial.
- Financial Guidelines Ad-hoc
 - The Financial Guidelines Rewrite Committee was created in order to review the current budget's financial guidelines with the goal of refining them to make an improvised version
- Constitutional Rewrite ad-hoc
 - The Constitutional Rewrite Ad-Hoc this semester is comprised of people who are taking a look at our Constitution and reevaluating it. This Ad-Hoc worked in hope of improving our Constitution which in turn improved Student Government's influence on campus.

OPEN FLOOR

Non-voting member Hannah Cohen announced her participation in the Strategic Plan Implementation Advisory committee, and provided herself along with Emerson Casper as a resource for Student Government members to give them feedback on campus life that they can take directly to administration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GB Training mandatory on January 30th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Attendance is mandatory.

Committee chair elections will be held during the first in person meeting back.

- Procedure: If running, give a short speech as to why you would be a good fit, and you may ask someone to speak on your behalf. Vice President Hooey will then send out a form within the meeting to have the GB vote on the next semester's Committee Chairs. (All given that the election is contested)

Student Government is tabling at the Spring Involvement Fair

Make sure GCals are up to date!

Associate Provost of Curriculum wants to work with Stugov because they're going through the reaccreditation process of Lafayette. President Waxman invited a member of Student Government to join her in that meeting with the Provost. All GB members are welcome to message President Waxman privately if they are interested.

President Waxman motioned to enter executive session. It was seconded by Parliamentarian Atuhaire and unanimously approved.

President Waxman motioned to exit the executive- session. It was seconded by Vice President Hooey and unanimously approved.

BUDGET APPROVALS:

Treasurer Vale went over the details pertaining to the Period B Club budgets with the following outcome:

Total requested funds: \$581,548.44

Total allocated funds: \$306,618.89

Treasurer Vale filed a motion to approve the allocation of funds for the Period B Budgets. Rep. Casper seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

President Waxman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM. Communications Officer Cohen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Hayden Cohen '29, Communications Officer