



Lafayette College Student Government Executive Board

Thursday, February 12th, 2026, 7:00 PM, *Kirby 104*

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Communications Officer Cohen motioned to approve the minutes from February 5, 2026. Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim 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 Atuhair '29, Parliamentarian
Ryan Burns '27, Representative
Ahmir Crawley '27, Representative
Matthew Epp '27, Representative
Lily Hoffman '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
Chloe Miller '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:

Roy Nisson '27, Representative

BUSINESS

Bylaws Proposal General Ideas

All of the following points are *proposed* changes to Student Government. None of these changes are finalized.

Senate structure:

- Student elections; top 7 candidates per class year- you only vote for people within your grade
- Executive board → Cabinet in new Constitution
- End goal:
 - Greater accountability on Cabinet, and students overall being able to put their voice forward
 - More students input
 - Greatest representation
 - Greater legislative power in the Senate (less unitary authority from the cabinet)

There are still committees, but there will also be liaisons who are in charge of seeing over general Student Government topics.

Representative Will Bennett asked: What do you mean by the logistics of it all? What is being discussed in CRC?

- Answer: Through the bylaws, the current committee is writing about how the process will operate. All of the specifics pertaining to the Constitutional Rewrite fall under the CRC in the bylaws.

Internal Affairs Committee:

- Chair: Parliamentarian
 - Vice President and one person per grade elected by the Senate

- Would review election protests (with compliance with the Constitution and Bylaws)
- Ensures adherence to Stugov documents/conduct
- Investigates senate violations
 - Issues corrective actions for member/committee failures
 - Attendance reviews/enforces rules
 - confirms/approves/ VP committee assignments

Secretary Position

- Communications officer now known as Secretary
- In charge of updating Laf Stuggov website
- Social media, and responsible for sponsorships
- Loses chairship of the Communications Chair

Representative Lily Nylund asked: Doesn't the Communications Officer run the website already?

- Answer: Technically they can, but in the past it hasn't been strictly outlined, so the changes in the Constitution will mandate that as part of the Secretary's job.

Representative Will Bennett posed the question: A lot of these responsibilities seem like something the Communications Committee would do? Is that something the Committee wouldn't do anymore?

- Answer: Secretary would oversee actions, but allocating more power to the Committee

Balance of Power and Legislation

- Checks and Balances
 - Legislative authority is ensured to be fair
 - Senate can approve or deny and StuOrgs and can request updates from any group whenever
 - Senate has final say on Student Activities Fund (SAF)

Liaisons would serve for the following topics:

- Sustainability
- Pard Pantry
- Dining

They would act as a representative for each subject, and be responsible for communication with the corresponding group/issue. The liaisons would be elected by the Senate, after initially being elected as representatives of their class year.

Non-voting Member Hannah Cohen asked: Are there multiple liaisons in each category?

- Answer: No, there will just be one Senator to serve as a liaison for each category.

Member Cohen asked a follow-up: Would the liaisons operate independent of the committees, or within a committee?

- Answer: You're not really doing committee work, but you're doing it independently.
- Follow up question from Rep. Will Bennett: What is the process of adding or removing liaisons?
 - Answer: Currently, in the bylaws there is no concrete answer. We would probably propose a new category, and start an internal election for the specific liaison.

Representative Clovis-Lato Nkanga asked : What would the timeline look like for the elections?

- Answer: Still figuring this out—more details to come!

Representative Clovis-Lato Nkanga asked: Will the Senators run in two elections?

- Answer: Senate structure is still being figured out, and this will be taken into account.

Representative Josh George asked: How many senators are there per year?

- Answer: 7; just as there are currently 7 class representatives per year.

Representative Josh George asked a follow up question: How do the elections work?

- Answer: Still working through the kinks of election details, but the top 7 people with the majority votes will be elected as senators per year.

Representative Matt Valenta asked: Would they participate in the forum?

- Answer: Still working out the answer to this, but CRC will update the General Body whenever answers to these questions come up.

OPEN FLOOR

Representative Josh Horenstein announced that on Monday at 5pm, there is an interest meeting in Kirby 104 for Phi Alpha Delta. Anyone interested in going into the field of law should attend!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's History Month event. Sascha Carter and Luna Garces did it last year, and it was such a great event. Lily Nylund will be running it this year in partnership with Gateway. Once we get closer, President Waxman would like to gauge interest in helping Lily with the event.

Peep of the Week

Congratulations to Matt Epp for winning Peep of the Week! He was nominated by Treasurer Gracie Vale; they serve on 4 different committees together, and he puts in so much effort to each of the committees and it is so deeply appreciated.

Vice President Hooey motioned to enter executive session. It was seconded by Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim and unanimously approved.

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim motioned to exit executive session. It was seconded by Treasurer Vale and unanimously approved.

BUDGET APPROVALS:

Treasurer Vale went over the details pertaining to the budget requests with the following outcome:

Total requested funds: \$10,345.00

Total allocated funds: \$17,421.91

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim filed a motion to approve the allocation of funds for the Period B Budgets. Rep. Lily Nylund seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Vale motioned to approve \$17,421.91 the allocation of funds. Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim seconded this motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Vale motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32PM. Communications Officer Cohen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Hayden Cohen '29, Communications Officer