



Lafayette College Student Government General Body Meeting

Thursday, March 5th, 2026, 7:00 PM, *Genebrien Room (206), Skillman Library*

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Hooey motioned to approve the minutes from February 26, 2026. Representative Lily Nylund 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
Ryan Burns '27, Representative
Ahmir Crawley '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
Eniyah Rolle '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:

Matthew Epp '27, Representative
Roy Nisson '27, Representative

BUSINESS

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim motioned to move the *Vote on Bylaws* before the *Discussion on Campus Safety*. Treasurer Vale seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the General Body.

Vote on Bylaws

Vice President Hooey motioned to approve the Bylaws. Parliamentarian Atuhaire seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the General Body.

The updated Bylaws will now be in effect.

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim motioned to move the *Dining Survey* to before the *Discussion on Campus Safety*. Parliamentarian Atuhaire seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the General Body.

Dining Survey

Chair of the Dining Committee, Representative Lily Hoffman, sent a google form focused on dining feedback to the Student Government WhatsApp group chat. All members were required to show receipts of their responses for the meeting to proceed.

Discussion on Campus Safety

Several members from the Office of Public Safety came to present. Those present include Geoff Labe (AVP Operations), Sandra Rogers (Assistant Director Public Safety), and Jeff Troxell (Director Public Safety).

First, Sandra presented about parking, outlining their current systems, and answering commonly asked questions before opening it up to the General Body to ask questions on their minds.

Parking (Sandra Rogers presenting):

Anybody that has a vehicle on campus has to be registered with Public Safety within 24 hours of arrival. One can register on the website, but must park where they are assigned.

Last year, they conducted a survey to figure out the best way to allocate parking throughout campus. They also focused on the goal of parking away from the residential neighborhood within College Hill so they have enough parking for visitors, professors, and students on campus.

- They allocate a certain amount of spaces for commuter students.
- They also reserve spaces for emergencies (students who may suddenly need access to a car).
- International students who cannot take their cars back to their home country over the summer are also considered in the allocation.

About 50–60% of parking tickets are written because of complaints. On Monday mornings, faculty used to come in and find students parked in faculty spots from the weekend.

Parking zones:

- When you register for parking, your zone is determined by where your housing is located.

This year, seniors were more concentrated in McCartney II, which caused a shift in parking. Seniors took approximately 50% of the parking on campus because more of them were living on campus compared to off campus.

They also lost about 60 parking spaces going up College Ave after the city decided to convert the area into a bike lane.

She acknowledged that people do not like Bushkill, but it serves as the overflow parking lot.

- First-year students are required to park in Bushkill.

For next year, they are considering moving to year-based parking selection. It is currently seniors first, and then everyone else selects afterward.

Questions (opened up to the General Body to ask the administrators specific questions; all are followed by “Answer” to which Sandra Rogers responded):

Vice President Hooley: Have you considered making the Bushkill permit less expensive than the more convenient tickets?

- Answer: We are considering that right now, and that may be changed for next year.

Parliamentarian Atuahire: Would first-years still be confined to parking in Bushkill?

- Answer: First-years would still be in Bushkill, but picking would be based on seniors not allotted spots

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim asked a clarification about the picking of spots

- Answer: It was clarified that each class would pick on their own specific day.

Rep. Miller: Would there ever be a way for Lafayette to help students find parking in the city of Easton

- Answer: Yes, they have partnerships with city garages who they can direct students to

Parliamentarian Atuahire: Based on housing, do you get priority for certain spots?

- Answer: Yes, you are given other suggestions that others who did not live in your zone would not have access to. But, you are not necessarily given “priority,” seniors still have priority over everyone else in the current system.

Rep. Rolle: Do freshmen pay the same amount to park in Easton?

- Answer: They pay a direct fee to the city of Easton.

Rep. Casper: What about the lot by Jenks? Who parks there?

- Answer: Staff parking for all of Pardee

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim: Is there a reason you’re considering moving the selection process [for parking permits]?

- Answer: The juniors felt like they were screwed even though they were next in line of seniority, but there were sophomores who did.

Rep George: Where do the funds paid for the tickets go?

- Answer: Funding of tickets does not go back to public safety
 - Sandra will find out, and get back to Student Government

Rep. Horenstein: How does the ticketing appeal system work?

- Answer: You have 5 days to appeal a ticket, and can go into your account to view it. You should get an email response to the ticket appeal process.
- 75% of the tickets are issued because you’re parked in the wrong parking space.

Rep. Rolle: Is there a way you could be offered a warning about the parking rules?

- Answer: Because you get an email about where you’re parking with your permit, that is your one warning.

Rep. Bennett: You mentioned there would be a committee meeting to discuss the price of the parking passes. Who is on the committee? Are there students on it?

- Answer: Yes, there will be students, and all of those students that were on it previously have since graduated.
- They will reach out to Vanessa when they are ready to form the Committee

Vice President Hooey: Has there ever been justification for being \$25 vs \$50? If a student has a campus job, even \$25 is over 2 hours of work? Is there room to reconsider the prices? Also, what justifies appealing the ticket?

- Answer(s): They have not changed the prices in a long time. If it's a handicap, or a red zone, they have increased prices. Failure to register is \$20.
- Currently Lafayette is well below the ticket prices - Sandra mentioned that her daughter at Moravian University received a \$75 ticket.
- Their Public Safety committee meets, and they could find many things approved of an appeal. It could be a broken down car, a car accident, etc.

Jeff Troxell then presented, but first introduced himself. He has served as the Public Safety Director for 35 years. His department oversees several areas, including transportation, dispatch, and environmental health and safety. This includes responsibility for anything affecting air, land, water, or the steam plant.

The dispatch center operates 24/7, and calls are always answered by a dispatcher—never by an answering machine. The department maintains a standard staffing level of two officers and one dispatcher per shift. Police and security operations run on three shifts per day, with two officers assigned to each shift.

Officers are armed and work within a hybrid department model that combines traditional law enforcement duties with service-oriented support. In addition to policing responsibilities, they assist with tasks such as fingerprinting, jump-starting cars, unlocking dorm rooms, and providing general customer service.

The department emphasizes three key areas: people, programming, and equipment. All campus buildings are equipped with fire detection systems.

September is their busiest month, during which they handle approximately 10,000 interactions. During peak times, dispatchers may respond to a new call roughly every 20 seconds. The department also assists with first aid and medical emergencies.

- Rep. SantaMaria posed a question. She once witnessed an incident on Cattell St and called PSafe but was told she should've called 911. What is the discretion?
 - Answer: It comes down to jurisdiction, but if it's on the hill and you believe it's college property, call PSafe
 - If it's by Wawa on Cattell, it is 911
 - Psafe will respond either way, but they will subsequently call 911 if it's also outside of their jurisdiction
 - If you need help and believe it's on college property, call PSafe
- President Waxman: How does the supposed button work that makes everything lock (located in public safety)?
 - Answer: Centralized in their system, now every building has a system to immediately lock
 - A call came in from the sorority once that there was a masked man outside of a sorority with a gun. Turns out it was a contractor there to cock the windows

- If they put out the alarm too soon, it is illegal, so even with times like these, they need to confirm what was reported
- Parliamentarian Atuhaire: Are there lockdown drills with students on campus?
 - Answer: By law, they have to do equipment tests, but they are moving towards that in the future.
- Vice President Hooey: do the pard cards still work in power outages?
 - Answer: Yes, they work on every building they would before the power outage
- Hannah Cohen: She called PSafe when her friend had a mental health crisis and didn't know that calling PSafe meant they would show up, what are the mental health processes PSafe obtains?
 - Answer: If you're ever hesitant for PSafe to have a presence, they can meet you at another location
 - If someone is having a mental health episode, and is posing a threat to themselves and others, PSafe will take action and show themselves
 - Follow up question: Once a call is made is there a guarantee an officer will show up?
 - Not necessarily—it really depends on the information given
- Rep. Nkamga: What is the relationship between PSafe and Reslife? If someone is prohibited from entering a certain building, do they lose access to the building via Pard card?
 - Answer: It depends—if there's a reason why they should not be in the dorm/no contact order, they will be removed from having access to the building

IAC Introduction

Parliamentarian Atuhaire presented about the newly approved the Internal Affairs Committee
Rep. Bennett asked: Is this a committee that meets every week?

- Answer (Parliamentarian Atuhaire): Yes, that is the intention

Strategic Plan and DEI Update

Non-Voting Member Hannah Cohen presented about Strategic Implementation Advisory Committee:

Three committees that are addressing the Strategic Plan

- Faculty Committees
 - Elected by faculty, for faculty
 - Deals with internal affairs
 - President Hurd is Ex Officio
- Faculty Special Interest Committees
 - Appointed faculty by the provost
 - Aligns with the departments offered, among a few other things (ie archives)
 - President is Ex Officio
- Campus Wide Committees
 - Contains members of faculty, staff, and students

- Headed by the president/provost
- President is not ex-officio

Reorganization of Committees:

- Committees are reorganized every few years
- For example, the DEI committee oversees went from faculty committee to campus-wide committee, and is not diversity, equity, justice, and belonging committee

Strategic Plan:

- Multi-Year Plan to encourage major projects/reforms on Campus
- 5 major goals (on front page) outlined
- Supported by various committees:
 - Ex. Implementation Advisory Committee
 - “Shark Tank”: reviews proposals from around campus (proposers are normally department heads, campus institutions, staff)
 - Deems them in-line with the Strategic Plan, tracks progress, and assists in organization/allocation of funds
- Overall website gives live updates on this Committee, and efforts of the strategic plan

OPEN FLOOR

N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rep. Nkamga announced that tomorrow for first-years, the Lafayette Democrats are having a meeting to be on a Youth Council. It’s in Kirby 106 from 3-4pm. Contact Isabella Tang, or Lucy Parry with questions.

Rep. Casper announced that for National Panhellenic week (NPC Week) there is a raffle with funds going to Project Easton. It is a \$5/ticket, with a lot of great raffle prizes. You can also pack hygiene kits on the 24th...more information to come!

Next Tuesday, from 11-1pm in Farinon, there will be Totes & Traditions, a collaboration between LAF and Student Government. It’s a tote bag making event with bicentennial limited edition patches. Be there!

President Waxman announced that the Constitution was approved at the Board Meeting (!!!!!)

The Student Government women's history event will take place on 3/28 and it will be from 12:30-3pm.

Peep of the Week

Representative Clovis-Lato Nkamga!! He’s always passionate about giving recommendations for the Pard Pantry, and was AWax’s orientntee, and she saw that he clearly wanted to make an impact right away at Lafayette.

Treasurer Vale motioned to enter the executive session. It was seconded by Representative Nylund and unanimously approved.

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim motioned to exit the executive session. It was seconded by Representative Nylund and unanimously approved.

BUDGET APPROVALS:

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

Total requested funds: \$12,164.00

Total allocated funds: \$12,164.00

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim filed a motion to approve the \$0 allocation of funds for the Period B Budgets. Rep. Nkamga seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Vale motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM. Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Hayden Cohen '29, Communications Officer