



Lafayette College Student Government General Body Meeting

Thursday, April 16th, 2026, 7:00 PM, *Kirby 104*

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Cohen motioned to approve the minutes from April 9, 2026. Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ATTENDEES

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

Present:

Allie Waxman '28, President
Annabel Hooey '28, Vice President
Grace Vale '27, Treasurer
Hayden Cohen '29, Secretary
Evalina Ibrahim '29, Inclusivity Officer
Amy Atuhaire '29, Parliamentarian

Ryan Burns '27, Senator
Matthew Epp '27, Senator
Lily Hoffman '27, Senator

Anoosh Ahsan '28, Senator
Will Bennett '28, Senator
Emerson Casper '28, Senator
Josh Horenstein '28, Senator

Chloe Miller '28, Senator
Doga Uzel '28, Senator

Josh George '29, Senator
Gwyn Horn '29, Senator
Adil Kulmanov '29, Senator
Clovis-Lato Nkamga '29, Senator
Trefor Thomas '29, Senator
Matt Valenta '29, Senator
Zara Wilson '29, Senator

Hannah Cohen '29, Student Observer
Teddy Sukernik '29, Student Observer

Absent:

Ahmir Crawley '27, Senator
Roy Nisson '27, Senator
Lily Nylund '27, Senator
Kate SantaMaria '27, Senator
Enihyah Rolle '28, Senator
Alivia Bear '28, Student Observer

BUSINESS

Treasurer Vale motioned to move Budget Approvals to be directly after Club Approvals. Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Keep in mind that anyone in attendance of the GBM had the ability to ask questions. Those who are not a part of Student Government have an asterisk next to their name under the “**Questions**” category.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity

- Board: Josh Horenstein, Lily Gertelman, Ellie Macauley, Keira-Lynn Fomene
- Mission: Support undergraduate students interested in pursuing careers in law by providing programs that help them prepare for exams, make informed decisions about the legal field, learn about the profession, and foster a community.
- Uniqueness:
 - National affiliation with Phi Alpha Delta, International
 - Strong student centered community-building around shared interests in law
 - Fills a gap for students interested in the law by connecting students to each other and resources, creating a stronger pre-law community at Lafayette
- Recruitment & Retention:
 - Involvement fair, pre-law advising emails, departmental newsletters, social media, and faculty referrals
 - GroupMe & Instagram as main source of communication (50+ members)
 - National P.A.D. support provides resources, programming, and institutional

- backing for all members
- Executive Committee roles (ex: Professional Development, Philanthropy, Public Relations) ensure smooth leadership transition
- Each chapter is assigned a national representative, with monthly check-ins
- Executive Board members maintain familiarity with chapter Bylaws, constitution, and transition procedures
- Executive officer elections held each year
- In communication with newly founded Lehigh chapter; others too
- Programming and events
 - Panels with alumni from Lafayette & other experts in the field
 - LSAT prep workshops
 - Internship discussion events related to legal field
 - Pre-Law Conference
 - Member bonding events
 - General body meetings
 - Fundraisers and Community Service
 - Initiation ceremony
- Budget:
 - Conference:
 - \$179 x 3 nights for 4 people
 - Registration fee per group = 550
 - Minus stipend we apply for = 375
 - PAD one-time charter fee
- **Questions**
 - Vice President Hooey: Where is the conference located?
 - Answer: Alexandria, VA! Transportation may depend on personal vehicles; if it is an issue, we will work on it to secure funding if needed.
 - Student Observer Cohen: Do you plan on getting promotional items?
 - Answer: No, we may do possible social dues within the organization but that would be outside of Student Government for possible food at a dinner reception.
 - Senator Ahsan: Is this open to all students or is there criteria to join?
 - Answer: No, criteria! Everyone is welcome to join, no matter what major/background someone has.
 - Senator George: Since you're called a fraternity, are you just for men?
 - Answer: No, it's a fraternity just for branding purposes, and is open to all genders and people.

Leopards @ Nite

- Board: Andrew, Jade, David
- Mission: The purpose of this club is to provide a late-night, inclusive, social, programming alternative to nightlife, showcasing campus talent within the arts. This club aims to host events that are created by students, for students.

- History: Started on March 1st 2024, where the first event was hosted in the Leopard's Lair. It was founded by four Lafayette students who wanted a student-led late-night programming alternative to the standard campus life.
- Programming:
 - Showcases, Paint & sips, Jazz Nights, Murder Mystery game nights, Prologue shows, Themed-events, Gallery walks
- Member retention:
 - We will make sure the events are approachable and entertaining to maintain continued interest, while distribute tasks amongst members to keep everyone engaged
 - Diverse board (talent wise, class wise)
- What makes us different:
 - Late-nights creating a safe space for programming and weekend/night opportunities
- **Questions:**
 - Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim: What does a typical member look like? Are they the performers or people who watch?
 - Answer: Grander showcases are held throughout the year, so a typical member could be someone who comes across it walking through Farinon and wants to watch, or someone who wants to showcase their talent. Anyone can be a part of the night for that showcase.
 - Parliamentarian Atuhaire: How are you different from LAF?
 - Answer: LAF normally throws events throughout the day, and they happen, but towards the evening time, there tends to be a void of events. Leopards @ Nite is to fill that need in the time when there are no events being thrown by other groups. Since we're student-run, we also bring with us deep ties to the community and what they want.
 - Student Observer Hannah Cohen: Is there a member usage in the planning for these events?
 - Answer: even people not on the board will help out, and that is in between—they don't have to commit to a board position, or perform, but can help out!

Como Se Dice

- Board: Yajaira, Jamisha, Kaileyn, Gabriella
- Mission: provide a creative and educational platform that amplifies the voices of the marginalized communities at Lafayette
- Goals: want to establish proper connections with other POC organizations. We want to be a voice for all of them, and be a web behind them. Allow them to see themselves without searching for it.
- Why do we stand out?
 - We are a student led platform dedicated to amplifying underrepresented voices on campus
 - We merge creativity and education to make cultural learning engaging and accessible

- Members gain real world creative and professional development skills
- We serve as an outlet for promoting campus events and community involvement
- Proposed events & activities:
 - Listening party
 - Conversational collabs
 - Creative workshop
 - Collaboration with language department
- **Questions:**
 - Treasurer Vale: What is your plan to get the visibility on the podcast around to other parts of campus?
 - Answer: We also have a blog besides the podcast, where we talk about ICE and how Lafayette hasn't spoken out about that. We also have the listening parties where people can come in and talk about
 - Senator Epp: what is the range for your budget
 - Answer: Requesting 715/year. It will typically go to monthly subscriptions to edit and handle larger recording files.
 - Senator Bennett: how do you plan on focusing the longevity of the club and getting a new set of exec members
 - Answer: Us becoming a club so we can establish people and vote on new members. Through collaboration with the language department, we hope to find new members through that.
 - Secretary Cohen: How do you differ from the Radio show?
 - Answer: Podcast specifically aimed at uplifting marginalized communities, and different because they reach out to clubs that are underrepresented and ask them to speak about experiences they've had. It's not just the radio show, but our lives.

ColorStack

- Board: Andrew, Miles, Sandra, Tyler, Gabriela, Ehinowen
- What is Colorstack: organization oriented towards Black & LatinX students in Computer Science. The club's mission is to increase the number of Black & Latinx graduates that go on to launch rewarding technical careers.
- Uniqueness:
 - National network: connected to students from more than 1,600 schools
 - Direct connections to 50+ tech companies that actively recruit from the ColorStack network.
 - Proven Outcomes: 70%+ of ColorStack members had internships last summer.
- Programs:
 - Technical interview prep
 - Internship insights
 - Resume & LinkedIn Workshop
 - Tech conferences
- Member retention:
 - Recruit students through the CS department
 - Retain by attaining value through what the students would gain out of it

- Event minimum attendance to ensure that all members take part in the club's resources
- Where members have gone: recruited daily, bridging diversity to predominantly white tech spaces
- **Questions:**
 - Senator Ahsan: What would your communication be like with the national chapter?
 - Answer: Outlined in one of our obligations to maintain good standing with nationals. In the same way we're applying to be a club here, we would do a very similar process with the nationals, and apply with them to have a chapter at Lafayette.

Italian Club

- Board: Katherine and Michael
- Mission:
 - To bring Italian culture and language to Lafayette through a variety of activities, including social events, cultural presentations, and language practice opportunities
 - Showcase Italian cuisine
 - Create a space for students to feel comfortable speaking Italian, and learning about Italian heritage/culture.
- Unique: brings in the cultural and contemporary realities of Italy
 - It included a language component and culture component not just one of the other
- Member retention:
 - To keep members involved, we would prioritize consistent communication (through GroupMe and emails through OurCampus), opportunities for leadership, and a sense of community
 - We would have biweekly meetings
 - We would have events most weeks on campus
 - Programs/events we plan to host are language night, tiramisu making, Carnevale, and Chiacchiere
- **Questions:**
 - Parliamentarian tuahire: Are you anticipating collaborating with the language department or the classics department
 - Answer: Yes, anything we could do with them we would like to do. We could probably also talk about philosophy history
 - Treasurer Vale: What would you guys like to request from your budget?
 - Answer: Food related things, art supplies; all for events
 - Senator George: Can you go deeper into how you plan on furthering Italian
 - Answer: Tiramisu is a type of dessert, and we'd make it, and it's really delicious. Carnival is an Italian holiday celebrated in Venice with Venetian Masks. Chiacchiere would be conversations in Italian and anyone could join. Cinema night to watch Italian movies or talk about literature.
 - Follow up: Are you looking to collaborate with ISA?
 - Answer: Yes, we'd be open to that.

National Neuroscience Honors Society

- Board: Jake, Mika, Kylie, Amy
- Mission:
 - National Neuroscience Honors Society
 - To encourage intellectual and social interactions between students, faculty, and professionals
 - To encourage interest, scholarship, career development, and public awareness of neuroscience and its benefit for the individual and society
- Uniqueness:
 - First ever honors society dedicated to neuroscience
 - Scholarship, research engagement, and collaboration in neuroscience
 - Differences between Nu Rho Psi and other organizations
- Member retention:
 - Retain members through active social media, rush week, collabs with other organizations and clubs
 - Annual ballot elections
- Events:
 - Educational presentations, career development and alumni panels, interactive case studies, animal brain dissections
- **Questions:**
 - Treasurer Vale: I really like your slides
 - Vice President Hooey: I attended a panel for the neuroscience club, so how does this organization differ from the conferences?
 - Answer: the main goal of the neuroscience club is to be social, however, our club will have access to a lot more opportunities outside of Lafayette. We want to build a place where we have a community, so we want a scholarship society for neuroscience.
 - Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim: I know you mentioned you would have applications and how would decisions be made?
 - Answer: There are national requirements that people have to meet, so there wouldn't necessarily be strict requirements set by the local chapter
 - You can be a part of the club without being a nationally recognized member

Physics Club

- Board: Hugo, President
- Mission: We aim to enable students to learn about Physics and connect with a greater community outside the classroom. We do this by holding weekly meetings for students to discuss topics and get to know each other. Larger events are also held in collaboration with the Physics department.
- Uniqueness:
 - No other physics focused club
 - Unique collaboration with Physics department to organize larger events and enable the club's endeavors
 - Provide a place for students to causally converse with professors

- Already have existed as a club in the past
- Member retention:
 - Holding events that students want to attend
 - Advertise to physics classes → weekly meetings with high turnout
- **Questions:**
 - Treasurer Vale: Do you guys plan on having any tutoring events for people who are taking physics, just as the course, not the major?
 - Answer: There are MSGs installed in those classes, but if they want to talk they can go to the club!
 - Michael*:
 - Answer: Club is based on interest in physics so we don't require people to have taken courses, or have knowledge.
 - Senator Valenta: How are you going to grow your club knowing that physics is a small major?
 - Answer: We do have plans to host demonstrations, so that could attract more people. You wouldn't need to understand physics to attend
 - Senator George: I know the Physics department has speakers already, so who do you plan to add?
 - Answer: Our speakers are through the physics department, so we act as a platform for those speakers, and to attract more people in the audience.

Lafayette College Cheerleading

- Board: Molly, Jana, Brooke
- Mission: To promote school spirit and unity through performances at athletic events, campus activities, and community engagements.
- Goals:
 - Short term: Perform at all football and basketball games, recruit and maintain at least 10 active members, and hold consistent weekly practices.
 - Long term: Expand to 15+ members, Compete at UCA nationals
- Uniqueness:
 - We already exist in athletics, but wanted to be the place for students to go for athletics
 - As the cheer team, we: combine athletic performance + school spirit leadership perform and cheer at games engage directly with crowds, athletes, and traditions
 - We are a visible presence at major campus events, a bridge between athletics and student life, a driver of school spirit and energy!
- Programs:
 - Weekly practices
 - Sideline cheering at football and basketball events
 - Performances at events
 - XLC, freshman move in
- Recruitment & retention:
 - Target incoming freshmen through XLC and club fair
 - Utilize social media to showcase performances
- Retention:
 - Strong team environment and bonding

- Clear roles and leadership opportunities
- Consistent check-ins with the coach and captain
- Skill development (stunts, tumbling, etc.)
- We want to move to a club sport and a recognized student organization to gain more autonomy
- **Questions:**
 - Vice President Hooley: As a former cheerleader, is there an estimated cost for bringing in the UCA camp and training?
 - Answer: athletics said they would supplement the costs for whatever student government cannot provide.
 - Treasurer Vale: What's your plan for tryouts, and who is your coach?
 - Answer: Our coach is an adult, who has a separate day job, but
 - Tryout form to do a dance, cheer, stunting skills and the coach will look at it with the board
 - If they advance, they will have a personal interview with the coach and the board
 - Senator Epp: Why now become a club?
 - Answer: We have been getting the nudge to move to being a club from athletics. The current dance team has been a club for 4 years, and they have access to resources we don't necessarily have. We want autonomy to control ourselves and our team.

Network of Empowerment Service & Talent Lafayette

- Board: Adil, Ali, Nuris, Clovis-lato
 - Advisor: Josh Walker
- Mission: Career development for students
- About NEST:
 - NEST is a fast-growing organization - was founded this academic year
 - It is in Lehigh, Penn State, Rowan Universities
 - There are currently around 250+ active members
 - Students benefit from valuable networking and career development opportunities, while also engaging in meaningful volunteer and community service activities
 - It is NOT major-specific club
- Events:
 - Workshops - speaker events
 - Career development - Projects & committees
 - Community service/volunteering
 - Collaboration with other clubs
- Budgeting:
 - Support larger service and fundraising events (e.g. tabling materials)
 - Enhance community service efforts to fund materials and logistics for various events
 - Travel costs (for the volunteering events)
 - Charitable donations (supplies for assembling hygiene kits or school supplies)

- Workshop and program resources (e.g. materials, printing, small incentives for speaker events)
- Member retention:
 - Posters, tabling, social media, tv advertisement
- **Questions:**
 - Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim: How do you differ from LANDIS for volunteering, and Gateway for career opportunities?
 - Answer: we went to an event at Lehigh, and they shared how connecting both could be very powerful for people who have a hard time choosing one or the other.
 - Admitted there is a lot of similarities to Gateway, but our club is Gateway on steroids
 - Andrew*: How do those events coincide with both volunteering and careers? Will they be combinations or separate?
 - Answer: They will sometimes be separate and sometimes coincide.
 - Senator Ahsan: Who is doing the career advising if it's not through Gateway?
 - Josh Walker will supply the group with guest speakers and leverage his network.

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

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

BUDGET APPROVALS:

Treasurer Vale went over the details pertaining to the budget requests (in Executive Session) with the following outcome:

Total requested funds: \$2,660.00

Total allocated funds: \$1,660.00

Secretary Cohen motioned to approve the \$1,600.00 allocation of funds for the Period B Budgets. Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

OPEN FLOOR

Secretary Cohen and Treasurer Vale are presenting for Kaleidoscope April 22nd

Chloe Miller, the Sustainability Liaison, is tabling at EarthFest! It is on April 22nd at 3pm.

Lafayette helped over 240 people in the hospital through the blood drive!

Next GB we are having a fun event so we have to send our shirt sizes to Vice President Hooley

May 1st is the Dining Takeover of Upper Farinon! It will be from 5pm to closing!

- They are looking to do the eating competition, so please if you're interested talk to Senator Lily Hoffman

Senator Bennett announced that it is 99% approved that the basketball court will go up by the Fishers!

- Forum next week-ish for a final round of feedback. More details to come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week is the financial literacy workshop—if you can't go, a reason must be included, and text President Waxman

Peep of the Week:

- Senator Enihyah Rolle has been working hard on DEI to create the future resolution, and is also very helpful in contributing to Academic Affairs!

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Cohen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06PM. Treasurer Vale seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Hayden Cohen '29, Secretary