



## **Lafayette College Student Government General Body Meeting**

Thursday, August 6th, 2026, 7:00 PM, *Zoom*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Senator Nkamga called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice President Hooey motioned to approve the minutes from July 23, 2026. Senator Nkamga 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**

**Ryan Burns '27, Senator**  
**Matthew Epp '27, Senator**  
**Lily Nylund '27, Senator**

**Will Bennett '28, Senator**  
**Emerson Casper '28, Senator**  
**Josh Horenstein '28, Senator**  
**Doga Uzel '28, Senator**

**Clovis-Lato Nkamga '29, Senator**  
**Matt Valenta '29, Senator**  
**Zara Wilson '29, Senator**

**Teddy Sukernik '29, Student Observer**

Absent:

**Evalina Ibrahim '29, Inclusivity Officer**  
**Amy Atuhare '29, Parliamentarian**

**Ahmir Crawley '27, Senator**  
**Anoosh Ahsan '28, Senator**  
**Lily Hoffman '27, Senator**  
**Roy Nisson '27, Senator**  
**Kate SantaMaria '27, Senator**

**Enihyah Rolle '28, Senator**  
**Chloe Miller '28, Senator**  
**Josh George '29, Senator**  
**Gwyn Horn '29, Senator**  
**Adil Kulmanov '29, Senator**

## **BUSINESS**

### *Vote on Allocation of Resources for Student Wellbeing Carnival*

In the past few months, President Waxman has been working on the Wellbeing Carnival. It was a part of her campaign to restore student wellness, especially beyond freshman year. The goal would be to host a fun event for students to destress and disconnect for the evening. She also noted that first years have a wonderful orientation, but the other years don't have as much support in going back to school after summer break. She then shared that they need extra money to host the event, so she plans on using reserve funds to supplement the costs. It will be on September 25th from 4pm-7:30pm, and all student government members are expected to come!

Senator Bennett asked what the money is being allocated for within the carnival?

- Answer: Reserve funds would go towards carnival food, games, etc.

Senator Nylund motioned to approve \$2,745 being allocated to support the Student Wellbeing Carnival. Senator Wilson seconded the motion.

### *Vote on Allocation of Resources for Sports Court Opening Event*

Secretary Cohen shared plans to have an event where the sports court would be officially introduced to campus on September 1st, 2026. She was seeking funding for food at the event, but received a quote from catering that was too expensive. Instead, they will be serving cookies that

will be funded by an external department. The vote no longer needs to occur because she is no longer seeking funding for the food.

Secretary Cohen motioned to strike this from the agenda. Vice President Hooey seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### *Circling back to the Core presentation*

Vice President Hooey gave a presentation on why we're all here in the first place, grounding the Cabinet and Senators to push us to continue working hard and making change.

She shared the following (each bullet represents a slide)

- Core Mission Goals of President Waxman and VP Hooey's term
  - Strengthened senator leadership building skills through training workshops
  - Produced external initiatives designed to enhance the overall student experience
  - Increased outreach to close the communication gap between the student body and its representatives
  - Producing initiatives that accurately reflect the needs of the larger Lafayette community, allowing campus to be a more comfortable atmosphere for students
  - Dialogue between the Student Government and the student body that allows for the representation of students' concerns
- Discussion:
  - Senator Nylund shared that she thinks they did well enhancing the student body experience, but something to continue working on is representing the student body at large, and throughout the year, the needs will change, so we should stay cognizant of that.
  - Senator Nkamga agreed with Senator Nylund, saying we've done a great job collaborating with organizations (stuff a plush and totes and traditions) and increasing our involvement in the campus community
    - He shared that we should continue engaging with Lafayette students, getting them to come to meetings
  - Senator Epp shared that collaborating should keep happening, because it's important to keep engaging with other organizations
- Vice President Hooey ended with saying that all of us were very active in the first semester, so we should use the connections we've built and the work we've created to help us continue to grow as leaders
- President Waxman added that when she joined as a representative that it's our job as a representative to be the eyes and ears of the student body, so our job as Student Government is to be the eyes and ears; we need to speak up when we hear something

### *Open Discussion on Senator Election Structure*

The past constitutional changes created a policy where Senators will now run for office.

- Secretary Cohen shared her idea about creating incentives to vote on your class year senatorial elections
- Vice President Hooey shared how she doesn't want it to become a popularity contest, and

for the votes to resemble leadership and mission driven people. She proposed the idea of people submitting a video giving a short speech and that being on the ballot as well, tied to the prospective senator's name.

- Senator Nylund shared that she thinks it's a great idea, but the videos shouldn't be too long, and the placement should be based on when you submit your declaration of candidacy
- Senator Casper shared her concern about people getting annoyed by the length of the video, and proposed posting the candidates videos on the instagram, and people would be able to go in their feed and see them as they casually scroll
- Senator Epp added an idea that you could only vote for people outside of your grade as it would force you to watch the video and see what people stand for
  - Vice President Hooey added that the people voting for you is supposed to be who you're representing, so that would just make it more complicated/difficult of a democracy
- Senator Uzel liked Senator Casper's idea of seeing the reels on instagram, but she shared her perspective of having a short attention span, and how she would likely click out of the video

Senator Horenstein motioned to move budget approvals before open floor and announcements. Senator Burns seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

## **OPEN FLOOR**

Senator Epp shared that he works for Academic Resource Hub, and they're interested in collabing. They would have a bunch of catering across places around campus during registration week, and would need people volunteering at these events. When he has more information, he'll be sharing it!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Waxman announced that it's the last summer meeting, and our first meeting back is September 3rd.

The Carnival is September 25th 4pm-7:30pm!

Our first life skills initiative session with Dr. Ernest Jeffries about conflict resolution is on October 6th

We are helping with first fest doing glow in the dark beaded bracelets and glow in the dark tattoos. All LEOs should be there helping at the Student Government table, and anyone else who is on campus should come help!

The sports court is now built! All student government members are encouraged to check it out. September 1st is the opening event for the sports court.

Secretary Cohen motioned to enter the executive session. It was seconded by Senator Valenta and unanimously approved.

Senator Nylund motioned to exit the executive session. It was seconded by Senator Nkamga 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: \$00.00

Total allocated funds: \$56,614.60

Treasurer Vale filed a motion to approve the \$56,614.60 allocation of funds for the Period A Budgets. Senator Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Secretary Cohen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM. Vice President Hooey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **Submitted by**

Hayden Cohen '29, Secretary