



Lafayette College Student Government General Body Meeting

Thursday, September 10th, 2026, 7:00 PM, *OCGE 107*

CALL TO ORDER

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Cohen motioned to approve the minutes from September 3, 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
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
Roy Nisson '27, Senator

Anoosh Ahsan '28, Senator
Will Bennett '28, Senator
Josh Horenstein '28, Senator
Enihyah Rolle '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
Matt Valenta '29, Senator
Zara Wilson '29, Senator

Teddy Sukernik '29, Student Observer

Absent:

Grace Vale '27, Treasurer
Lily Nylund '27, Senator
Kate SantaMaria '27, Senator

Emerson Casper '28, Senator

BUSINESS

Student Handbook Update

Dean Snipes, the Dean of Students came to present updates to the Student Handbook.

His team has been working on this process since September 2024, for 25-26 they updated conduct processes, but this year they focused on other sections.

There are two areas not permanently supported by the Dean of Students: academic integrity (managed by academic deans) and Title IX (managed by Karen Salvemini).

Some of the appendices have policies, so they worked hard to clean things up to ensure that all materials within the handbook were concise and digestible.

Every student-centered policy is encapsulated within a section.

- Updated chalking policy, electric scooter policy, harassment, hazing, and social media policies

General campus policies are now concrete policies.

- For example, chalking is allowed in front of Farinon, but *only* with permission.

Sasha Carter asked if, when someone reports someone else, the process is restorative on both sides.

- Restorative means that harm has been caused, and we need to figure out how to repair it.

- After that, someone will ask if you would like to engage in a restorative conversation.
- If the office...

Secretary Cohen asked, “Does the college have any policies regarding Yik Yak?”

- Under the social media section, the college does not monitor social media and upholds one’s ability to post content others may find challenging, provocative, or offensive.
- He continued to read aloud the social media section within the student handbook.
- If they are aware that a student posts something and it is targeted, they will send the student through that process.
- If it’s something someone simply doesn’t like, the school cannot limit free speech.

Parliamentarian Atuahire asked about the policy around search and seizure and room searches.

- In regard to search and seizure, if PSafe feels like there is something in your room and it is in plain sight, they will follow whatever laws they have to find it.
- The Dean of Students is not an extension of Public Safety. They try to respect students’ privacy unless they get pulled into it.

Parliamentarian Atuahire asked if most of the changes made were about online behavior.

- Language was largely updated, and they wanted to create a space that allowed expression.
- The social media update was not in response to Yik Yak, but rather to ensure that students feel as though their autonomy is protected at the college.

Senator George asked, “What’s your policy with punishments?”

- He addressed that we (the students) are all here to go to class, and because that is our engagement with the institution, for the administration to sever that relationship, one would have to do something extreme to be expelled.
 - (Selling 15 kilos of weed or violently hurting people)
 - If it violates your ability to engage in the community, then the college will look into what temporary separation looks like.
 - Ex: At one point in the past, there was a suspension for stealing. Now, there is a more restorative process in place where a conversation would take place.

Senator Ahsan asked how they define the degrees of stalking.

- Their approach is, with definitions, to separate the experience the student is having from the community.
 - These definitions lie within the Title IX department.
 - Most of the time, within the community, people are “guilty until proven guilty.”
 - The school wants to protect the student being stalked, rather than simply applying the moniker of “stalker.”

Senator Ahsan followed up and asked what a decision would look like to prioritize both students.

- The initial thing may be a mutual no-contact order.

- If Dean Snipes needs to come in on a Saturday to use resources to deal with the situation, he will do that.
- A lot of OnePards are filled out; sometimes it is direct information, and sometimes it's indirect.
 - He does his best to make sure we support both.

Senator Nkamga asked if the PSafe jail exists.

- PSafe can arrest you, but cannot detain you in a certain area. The answer is no, they do not have a jail.

Senator George asked, "When does the line between the Dean of Students and Title IX cross?"

- The Dean of Students needs to be informed of a lot of things; he may hear about a situation, but it would stay within Title IX jurisdiction.
- If the outcome is one where a student is being separated from the college, that involves him.
- If there's a case that hits both worlds, they would touch base to see how to proceed.

Policy Workshop

Senators worked in groups of 3 to discuss ongoing issues on campus that Student Government can ideate solutions to this semester.

Senator Valenta, Senator Horn, Senator Miller:

- Expanding the blue light system to other parts of campus
 - Advertising it more
- Lowering the price of the items in Simon's and getting grab and go stuff
- Temporary VP Will Bennett added that since they're moving the dining location to mccartnes, there's a higher consternation of food in that area of campus
 - We need to ensure that we can make simons more affordable
- Senator Rolle said that she makes the orders for Simons and they're trying to account for convenience within the prices
- Peer mentor program (extending to other majors and undecided)

Senator Nkamga:

- Wishes there was a napping area for students
 - More reserved, new furniture in leopards lair

Senator Hoffman:

- Fixing the shuttle; it is so inconvenient because it doesn't follow the route and it doesn't line up to when classes are out. Inconvenient for accessibility issues. There should be a stop by Monroe and the off-campus housing for laundry to take them to soles. People

with accessibility can't carry their laundry

Senator Ahsan:

- communications and forms for student government; put in your name, and a title of your complaint. Towards the end of the month we could look at the categories and group the students together and have them meet with the Cabinet
- Amend the delegate system to fit this need in
- Vending machine in arts campus because there is no food on arts campus

Sasha Carter:

- Election process – interested in how we're advertising this upcoming election
 - Afraid it will turn into a popularity contest
- We need to make sure that everyone feels involved (forum dates, reels, tiktoks)
- A freshman asked her if there is anything fun to do on campus and people need to know that there are things to do on campus

Senator Horenstein:

- Bugs on campus
- When you walk up and down the hill, the tree needs to be trimmed
- Mow the lawn

Parliamentarian Atuhaire:

- Centipedes in the residence halls

Senator Uzel:

- Is there storage accessible to campus?
 - Yes
- There have been a lot of complaints about the title IX coordinator not doing anything about reports that have been made
 - So many students being upset about trying to take care and get something about the case they reported, and feeling like a number

Senator Nisson:

- Communication between the school and the student body
 - Hearsay about things a little late
- We could do more in terms of career advancement on student government
 - Job market can be daunting

Senator Kulmanov:

- Student life on campus, Conway doesn't have water fountains

OPEN FLOOR

Sasha Carter said to register for Night of Leadership Sept 18th from 5pm-8:30pm

Parliamentarian Atuhaire still needs people to volunteer for the commuter lunch

The Pard Pantry is looking for volunteers (paid) from 11-1pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peep of the week - Anoosh!

Wellness carnival on September 25th at 4pm (Student government has to be there at 3:30pm, and the Cabinet at 3pm)

President Waxman needs the Communications Committee to step up and help out Senator Miller with graphics!

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

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BUDGET APPROVALS:

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

Total requested funds: \$200.00

Total allocated funds: \$7,501.91

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim filed a motion to approve the \$7,501.91 allocation of funds for the Period A Budgets. Senator Chloe Miller seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

President Waxman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM. Secretary Cohen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Hayden Cohen '29, Secretary