



Lafayette College Student Government Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 1st, 2026, 7:00 PM, *OCGE 107*

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim motioned to approve the minutes from September 24, 2026. Senator Valenta 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
Zara Wilson '28, Vice President
Grace Vale '27, Treasurer
Hayden Cohen '29, Secretary
Evalina Ibrahim '29, Inclusivity Officer
Amy Atuhaire '29, Parliamentarian

Ryan Burns '27, Senator
Sasha Carter '27, Senator
Luna Garces '27, Senator
Lily Hoffman '27, Senator
Roy Nisson '27, Senator
Lily Nylund '27, Senator
Kate SantaMaria '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

Helen Broikos '29, Senator
Gwyn Horn '29, Senator
Adil Kulmanov '29, Senator
Clovis-Lato Nkamga '29, Senator
Matt Valenta '29, Senator
Addison Ford '29, Senator

Teddy Sukernik '29, Student Observer

Absent:

Emerson Casper '28, Senator
Josh George '29, Senator

BUSINESS

Delegate Role Overview

Inclusivity Officer and the DEI Committee spent a lot of time last semester developing the delegate system further. The whole point of Student Government is bringing together the students and the administration; so, the DEI Committee created a bill last semester to amend the delegate system. She went over the following in her bill:

- All delegates have to maintain regular communication with their respective clubs
 - It may be every GB that the delegate reach out to their club
- Attend at least one organization meeting, and one event per semester
- Delegates are expected to fill out the form (provided by Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim) after every interaction with their club

Senator Carter asked what to do if a club is ghosting their delegate?

- Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim responded that you can just let it go if the club doesn't need your help.
- President Waxman added that the goal of the system is to put the ball in their (the club's) court, while giving them the direct resources of a delegate
- Advisor Ally said that she would like to be told if the club is not reciprocating because she also oversees all organizations on campus

Senator Garces added a suggestion that she thought would be an interesting way to see how funds are being used; sometimes we see the funds being used in alternative ways, so it's a great way for Student Government to see how the clubs are using their funding.

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim affirmed that the goal is to connect the clubs to the resources, not to do things for them

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim went over the budget system of the delegate resource guide. Some people genuinely don't know what to do when it comes to their budget. The first four rows outline the different types of budgets. The financial guidelines are there, how you get in contact with Gracie, and if a club asks you for what the cap is on an item,

- Make it clear that the cap isn't *what* they will get, but the maximum if needed. You shouldn't be telling them how much they can get, but simply the resources there for them.

Delegate Club Assignment

The DEI committee spun the wheel to assign the Senators and lower exec to their respective committees.

IAC Vacancy Review

Parliamentarian Atuhaire is one vacancy on IAC within the class of 2027. A senator has to be elected to the position, and next week we will hold an election to vote in the member.

OPEN FLOOR

Secretary Cohen announced that she'll be holding headshots for all people running for Cabinet positions next Thursday around 4pm. She'll send the link to the Student Government group chat, and all students interested in getting one, can reach out to her.

Senator Ahsan announced that LGR has editorial staff positions open.

Senator Miller announced that the Office of Sustainability is holding a thrift store for the Bicentennial ball for formal wear. Oct 7th from 2:30-7pm.

Senator Hoffman encouraged all of us again to fill out the dining survey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peep of the Week - Senator Lily Nylund!! She's been killing it in her commitment to Student Government and the Communications committee.

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

Senator Bennett motioned to exit the executive session. It was seconded by Senator Nylund 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: \$1,828.00

Total allocated funds: \$1,723.00

Senator Burns filed a motion to approve the \$1,723 allocation of funds for the Period A Budgets. Senator Horn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

President Waxman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43PM. Secretary Cohen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Hayden Cohen '29, Secretary