



Lafayette College Student Government General Body Meeting

Thursday, October 15th, 2026, 7:00 PM, *OCGE 107*

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Cohen motioned to approve the minutes from October 8, 2026. Senator Carter 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
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
Lily Hoffman '27, Senator
Roy Nisson '27, Senator
Lily Nylund '27, Senator
Kate SantaMaria '27, Senator

Anoosh Ahsan '28, Senator
Will Bennett '28, Senator
Emerson Casper '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
Addison Ford '29, Senator

Teddy Sukernik '29, Student Observer

Absent:

Luna Garces '27, Senator
Helen Broikos '29, Senator

Zara Wilson '29, Vice President

BUSINESS

Discussion on Sustainability

Delicia Nahman introduced herself as the Director of Sustainability. Her office is in RISC. She also works with Farmer Josh, Sam (engagement), Connor Elliot (Manager of Climate Action and Circularity) and 65+ students in paid positions within the office. Their office does lots of work throughout campus, and their job is to serve as a bridge between everything administrative, operational in the college, and also everything academic and student life focused. They don't want to control everything, but empower everyone else to help with strategy and policy; Lafayette's climate leadership will not happen in one office, but through empowering everyone.

One thing she's learned that's unique about Lafayette's Sustainability office is the legacy that alumni leave on campus. Some examples include solar panels on roofs, native pollinators on campus, EV chargers, campus farms, which were all created and introduced by students.

She asked what everyone knows about Sustainability or Climate Leadership?

- Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim said EcoRep!
 - Senator Nkamga said that the EcoRep program is where one serves as an environmental RA, conducts rounds to ensure that people are cautious of the environment, and allows students to have their own contributions (like composting).
 - Delicia added that 12 out of 14 sorority/fraternity houses now have a sustainability chair

- Senator Casper said that we aim to be Carbon neutral by 2035
 - Delicia responded that in 2008, mostly students with faculty allies, were looking around after a report came out from the UN sharing how serious climate change is. Students were paying attention to this report, and they asked what Lafayette was doing?
 - They started a campaign at the college, and the then President signed an agreement that Lafayette would be Carbon neutral by 2050. In 2019, faculty and students said that change is not happening fast enough, and 2050 is too far away. A second version of the climate action plan was written with student input, and a new agreement was made to make the College Carbon neutral by 2035. She shared that all of us need to be implementing changes to the environment to make this work.
 - The Office of Sustainability would love to collaborate with any students or Student Government leaders.
- Senator Carter said green move-in and move-out
 - Delicia shared that during green move in, there are pods for people to dispose of things. August and May are the highest months of waste production because when people move in/out, they generate extra waste. They try to divert as much as those excess materials away from the landfill via these initiatives.
 - She asked if anyone knew about the thrift store. It's in Pardee, open on Wednesdays, during the same hours as the Pard Pantry.
 - Student Government has generated a number of huge campaigns where we have come to the Office of Sustainability
 - Disposable water bottles—so there was a resolution SG made, that then introduced aluminum cans to campus
 - More transparency on the endowment accounting for climate risk
 - Participating in the re-writing of the climate action plan
 - Charlie Weinstein participated in a number of sessions providing a student voice, and being helpful in directing the focus
- Senator Carter asked a question: We live in dorm settings, and she's wondering if there could be more education on recycling practices, especially off-campus?
 - Delicia's response: At the moment they have the least control over campus houses. Their EcoRep program is trying to expand with more off-campus houses. They can't place someone in Keefe, per say, to oversee off-campus. They want to increase recycling literacy in off-campus housing. Off-campus houses may have a different hauler than on campus, so there may be certain differences in items that can be recycled.

Reports from BOT Student Associates

(Inclusivity Officer) Evalina Ibrahim, Committee on Facilities and Infrastructure:

- She shared some highlights
 - McCartney II dining - they have a strong idea of what they want to do, but they'll be hosting more feedback sessions as well
 - A mens and womens lax stadium will be built at Metzgar
 - Early fundraising efforts have been very positive

- Strategic plan
 - Focused on enhancing wellness, seeking donor support
- Senator Casper asked that over break there was an email about how much funding was raised at the alumni gala, and asked how much of the funding was going to infrastructure.
 - Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim said they haven't disclosed that yet

Kayla Denis, Committee on Financial Policy

- McCartney II dining, they still want student feedback
 - They're imagining made to order stations, food court, indoor and outdoor seating, and beer and wine service
 - They are starting to renovate in January
 - Upper is closing in the *Spring semester !!*
 - They want Farinon to be a student-union type space

Parliamentarian Atuhaire asked what support we could provide to Kayla in her committee

- She responded with ideas of what dining people would want on campus
- Asking about changes pertaining to the meal plan

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim said they're also looking to see an allergy free section

Senator Carter motioned to add to the agenda Student Government responsibilities in the Election to the agenda. Senator Ford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Senator Valenta motioned to move budget approvals after the election responsibilities. Parliamentarian Atuhaire seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Student Government Responsibilities in the Election

Treasurer Vale presented the following:

- Senators are responsible for going to the candidate forum
 - If you cannot go, send your excuse to the excuses email
- We are doing tabling for voting, and there will be tables in Farinon during lunch/dinner hours, and in Marquis for lunch/dinner
 - There will be a spreadsheet sent out, 2 people per time slot
 - Everyone must sign up
 - If candidates are tabling, you cannot tell people to vote for you, but to vote in general
- Senator Nylund said that by being there and facial recognition, she believes that we shouldn't have candidates tabling.
 - President Waxman responded that we need *everyone* tabling then, to ensure that we wouldn't have open slots. But she agrees that this makes sense.
 - Treasurer Vale reinforced that it is mandatory to table.
- Senator Carter said that during the whole week, tell your friends to vote, and it reflects positively on Student Government when the polls are representative of the Student Body.

- Treasurer Vale concluded by saying that Student Government does not endorse candidates, so for example, Senator Miller cannot repost one person's post on her stories.
- If someone asks you who to vote for, tell them to look at people's platforms, and to vote based on what they think, rather than your recommendation. We should not be trying to sway people towards one candidate or another.
- President Waxman added that for those of you not running for Student Government, be supportive of the people running. It takes a lot of guts to run!!
- Make sure you tell everyone about the candidate forum, and everyone should be reposting it on their stories.

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

Senator Casper motioned to exit the executive session. It was seconded by Senator Nylund and unanimously approved.

Presentation of Bills and Resolutions

Parliamentarian Atuhaire presented about bills and resolutions:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DLcUeYV4DpvJTSguy2xBy9ss0pKGPSwxGLma7nYMgCQ/edit?usp=sharing>

- She went through:
 - Legislation
 - Bills in Depth
 - A Bill Example
 - Resolutions in Depth

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim asked to hear the restrictions in the bylaws on the bills length

- Parliamentarian Atuhaire said that all bills should be about a page in length

Yoryi Roque asked, are bills also a reason to add something to campus?

- Yes within reason. Especially with legislation in student government, everything is a case by case basis.

Announcement of Candidates in the Cabinet Election

President Waxman announced the following candidates for the Cabinet, per position:

Parliamentarian:

- Amy Atuhaire
- Chelsea Bennett
- Izzy Sora

Inclusivity Officer:

- Evalina Ibrahim
- Yoryi Roque

Secretary:

- Addison Ford
- Mike Burns

Treasurer:

- Gwyn Horn
- Zara Wilson

Vice President:

- Hayden Cohen

President:

- William Bennett

Vote on use of Reserves for the Candidate Forum

We would like to have light refreshments at the Candidate Forum. Food is a way to a person's heart, and we would like to encourage attendance as much as we can.

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim said that she thinks we shouldn't approve this. She is very pro-food, but she thinks that the reserves are money from covid that we didn't use from the SAF Fund,

- President Waxman said it's not *just* from that

Senator Ahsan said that sometimes we have to do superficial things to encourage more positive activities.

Yoryi Roque said that people just come for the food, but do we want them there for the food or the votes? He shared that investing too much in food turns into leisure.

President Waxman shared that last year, she looked out to the audience and saw many people there to support their friends, and she doesn't think that food will drive greediness/people only coming for it.

Parliamentarian Atuhaire shared that this is a campus-wide event,

Senator Horenstein said that if having the food there makes one more person show up to vote, then it's worth it. The whole point is to incentivize people to vote, so it should be a good thing.

Senator George said that we approved \$1000 for the budget last week, so why are we taking more out for the Forum?

- President Waxman said that because of the guidelines, the food has to come from the reserves.

Secretary Cohen motioned to use \$470 from the Student Government reserves to use to fund light refreshments for the candidate forum. Senator Miller seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

OPEN FLOOR

Senator Cohen shared that the Commuter Lunch was a success!

Senator Hoffman shared that people should still be filing out the dining form!!

Senator Rolle said that information Kayla Denis shared about her committee was a rough draft of the proposed dining location(from the Committee on Financial Policy)

- Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim said that everything the administration has designed is from student feedback

Senator Horenstein reminded everyone to register to vote in the Midterm election

Senator Valenta said again that people should fill out the Dining Form - elevate student voices!

Senator Nylund said it's hard to get seniors to fill it out when they're leaving, and Senator Hoffman responded that she's been telling them that they've had the most interaction with dining (they've been here the longest), so their experience, in a way, is the most valuable.

Senator Hoffman said they're going to evaluate what's in the final McCartney II plan, and then they'll reevaluate what to move around on campus

Senator Carter said that her and Matt Valenta, and a few other people are hosting an event. They're having 10 professors across different disciplines talking about opportunities post-grad. More information to come, and it's through her Student Involvement Leadership Committee.

Chelsea Bennett said that her group in the Leadership Education Committee is having a LinkedIn Workshop on Oct 28th at 6pm in the Leopard's Lair.

All present sang happy birthday to Ally Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Waxman thanked everyone for coming to the Conflict Resolution Session

The Candidate Forum is mandatory!!

Peep of the Week: Josh Horestein!

- Elections committee, he compiled the elections manual

BUDGET APPROVALS:

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

Total requested funds: \$21.01

Total allocated funds: \$21.01

Treasurer Vale filed a motion to approve the \$21.01 allocation of funds for the Period A Budgets. Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

President Waxman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM. Secretary Cohen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Hayden Cohen '29, Secretary