



Lafayette College Student Government General Body Meeting

Thursday, September 24th, 2026, 7:00 PM, *OCGE 107*

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim motioned to approve the minutes from September 17, 2026. Senator Nkanga 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
William Bennett '28, Temporary Vice President
Grace Vale '27, Treasurer
Hayden Cohen '29, Secretary
Evalina Ibrahim '29, Inclusivity Officer

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

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

Teddy Sukernik '29, Student Observer

Absent:

Amy Atuhaire '29, Parliamentarian
Doga Uzel '28, Senator
Zara Wilson '29, Senator
Roy Nisson '27, Senator

BUSINESS

Residence Life Discussion

Thor Banks shared that he has been at Lafayette for over a year, and has an undergraduate degree in hospitality. He previously worked at Delaware Valley University. He lives on College Hill with his family, and is here to answer any questions about Residence Life; they recently acquired fraternity and sorority life. There is a new selection database for housing, and their current vendor is sunsetting, so now they're working with another organization to create a better student experience on the housing side.

Questions:

- Senator Burns shared that a good amount of seniors were upset about how the releasing happened, with not many getting released. He asked if there was a plan in place for the future?
 - Answer: We have a 4-year residency requirement, with a hope to create a great housing experience. He personally does not control the number of seniors released (finance and admin control how many seniors are released). He does not know the number of students being released this next year, and there are a lot of things that go into it, but his hope is that he can get in front of it, increase transparency with seniors, and communicate with them. His hope is that as we evolve the residential experience at Lafayette, he would like to provide opportunities seniors are looking for off campus
- Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim said there is no water fountain in the Conway House. She asked if there's a plan to put a water fountain there, or open access to another build
 - Answer: It's a 'no' on getting access to another building, but as they look into

amenities in residence halls, they will make note of this (he doesn't think a water fountain is an amenity). But, this instance is on his radar as a necessary thing to put it, it's just a matter of when facilities can facilitate this process, and where the funds will come from.

- Sasha Carter added that she's had orienteers (through the LEO program) who've had roommate issues. Additionally Lafayette's administration has been talking about restorative practices, and she's wondering how restorative practices look for first-years in the world of residence life.
 - Answer: They have a process for room changes, which can be daunting. Their expectation is that the first step is talking to your roommate, doing the roommate agreement, and talking to your RA. He is adamant about sticking to this process for the time being. Yes, there are open rooms, but there cannot be an expectation that you just move when you reach roommate disagreements. He provided an example of how the first-year class is larger than the junior class, so when you easily get moved freshman year, and something comes up junior year you want to move out, and you were told no (because there are no beds) working on restorative practices from the top down.
- Senator Kulmanov said that people are complaining about AC and he was wondering if the buildings will all get AC at some point.
 - Answer: Yes, at some point they will, but it will never happen on the timeline we want. At least one building for the past 5 years has gotten AC over the summer. It didn't happen this summer though because they were looking at the larger residence plans they had in store. Bailey's Health Center has a process to request AC if you have a need/accomodation for it.
- Senator George asked if the washers were cleaned because he's noticed issues with the cleanliness of them.
 - Answer: Yes, every summer the washing machine company comes through to do an inspection of the equipment. From the back of the equipment to the wall is Lafayette's facilities' jurisdiction, but the machine itself is inspected by *Calico*. If you have an issue, tell your RA.
- Senator Valenta said that last year the power went out, and he's curious if he has a plan
 - Answer: It's not necessarily my area, and facilities are in close contact with him about power outages. There are some very specific places on campus that require power 24/7. He believes that this issue is on facilities' radar, but he does not have any specific timelines he knows of. He knows they work very hard to ensure that residence halls are powered for the students.

Leadership Building Activity

President Waxman led the Senators and Cabinet in a leadership and grounding activity, prompting many of the Senators to share their answers as to "why they're in Student Government".

Senator Nkamga shared that his "why stugov" is because he wanted to be a leader and represent the students. Student government allows him to be in the room where the decisions happen.

Senator Ahsan said she joined with the expectation of connecting different clubs and connecting

them with resources. What truly brought her in was a conflict between one of her clubs and student government, and she couldn't believe that people thought so poorly of us.

Senator Casper said she liked the mission they brought to campus and she wanted to be surrounded by people who wanted to get out of their bubble. She wanted to also leave the place better than she found it. She's also enjoyed mediating conflict.

Senator Nylund has enjoyed amplifying the voices of others, and she loves and cares about Lafayette.

Senator Horn was frustrated with the lack of communication between students and larger decisions; seeing her friends being confused, and wishing there was something she could do about it. That's her "why stugvo"

President Waxman asked if people had certain goals people wanted to seek out?

- Senator George said his goal was improving the wifi
- Senator Hoffman said she wanted to be super visible about asking students for their feedback.
- Senator Nkamga said his goal was establishing napping places
- Senator Rolle said she didn't get to do this the way she wanted to, but she wanted to improve the PSafe-student relationship.

President Waxman then presented about Member Development. Senators shared the following about skills they've developed:

- Senator Nylund said the importance of showing up
- Senator SantaMaria said that she's learned how to understand different perspectives; knowing the student perspective from being around campus, but also the admin perspective from meetings
- Senator Nkamga said that he continues to develop his ability to push for his ideas, even if the odds are against him
- Senator Horn said that she's gained confidence in her thoughts and opinions
- Bryan Kibet said that his time management skills got better

President Waxman asked Sasha Carter and Bryan Kibet what drew them back?

- Sasha Carter said that she's a very loyal person and saw the awesome things student government was doing, and she didn't want to give up on it
- Bryan Kibet agreed.

President Waxman reinforced the idea we have to support our peers, especially within student government.

Then, President Waxman shared slides about Career Development.

- She shared a piece of Sasha Carter's cover letter
- She then showed a resume example about how to share student government on resumes

- She showed a slide about LinkedIn descriptions for Student Government
- She encouraged sending resumes to Gateway to review

Senator Nkamga motioned to approve adding “Talk from Advisor Ally” into the Agenda. Secretary Cohen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Talk from Advisor Ally

- Advisor Allison (Ally) Williams asked everyone to reflect if there’s been a moment that Student Government stressed them out.
- She shared that as we enter being in this semester, she wants to make sure that we’re taking care of ourselves and each other
 - The work we’re doing is important, but taking care of ourselves is even more important because we wouldn’t be able to do the work if not

Outreach Activity

The Cabinet and Senators filmed a TikTok advertising the Wellness Carnival.

OPEN FLOOR

Senator Rolle is doing a project for her architecture class and she wanted to hear suggestions from Student Government about the LCAT

- Senator Nylund said that it’s not communicated when the LCAT
- Senator Hoffman said that it’s not aligned with class schedules
- Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim said that there isn’t communication of whether the LCAT won’t be running
- Treasurer Vale said that it would be great if the LCAT did a trip to Giant
 - Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim said that LANTA used to do trips there

Senator Nkamga shared that Leopards @ Nite have their first show tonight

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have the Student Government Wellness Carnival tomorrow!

President Waxman thanked everyone for attending the Night of Leadership

Senator Horenstein met with President Hurd today. They’re not using the space on the quad all of the time, but there are many events going on there. He’s thinking that it could serve the student body to maximize the space, similar to what they’re doing with the dining committee. He’d like to send a survey out and see what activities the students would like to see within the structure this coming semester.

- He’d be interested in doing an ad-hoc committee to make programs within the structure

Peep of the Week: Matt Valenta has been a true asset on the Dining Committee, always giving great feedback and insights

Secretary Cohen motioned to enter the executive session. It was seconded by Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim 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: \$6,840.61

Total allocated funds: \$33,703.84

Treasurer Vale filed a motion to approve the \$33,703.84 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 8:27PM. Secretary Cohen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Hayden Cohen '29, Secretary