Lafayette College Student Government General Body Meeting

Thursday, October 29th, 2026, 7:00 PM, ***OCGE 107***

CALL TO ORDER

Senator Carter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Ford motioned to approve the minutes from October 22, 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
Zara Wilson ‘29, 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
Lily Nylund ‘27, Senator
Kate SantaMaria ‘27, Senator

Anoosh Ahsan ‘28, Senator
Will Bennett ‘28, Senator
Emerson Casper ‘28, Senator
Josh Horenstein ‘28, Senator

Chloe Miller ‘28, Senator
Doga Uzel ‘28, Senator

Helen Broikos ‘29, 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:
Enihyah Rolle ‘28, Senator
Roy Nisson ‘27, Senator

BUSINESS
Board of Trustees Student Associate Reports

Nick Farrell ‘27 on the Student Life Committee

- 3 presentations during his committee meeting
    - 1 from Sarah Moschenross about Residence Life and Community SPaces
    - Dr. Jefferies about goals for integrating career services with alumni to create representation for underrepresented communities
    - Director of Athletic Sheryta Freeman talking about changing landscapes with college athletics

Keira-Lynn Fomene ‘29 on the Committee on Educational Policy

- Presentation by Dean Cox about pre-advising program for freshmen once accepted learning about resources lafayette has to offer
- They’re hoping to make Lafayette a more selective institution, and looking at ways in which they can diversify their applicants

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim asked them to talk about their committees and what feedback they’ve been giving:

- Nick Farrell shared that he asked questions based on Sarah Moshenross’ presentation about student life and accommodations. They’re going to heavily engage with the student body once they figure out their idea
- Keira-Lynn said they’re looking to increase enrollment and diversity. They’d be looking for feedback in which they can build upon Lafayette’s name. She recommended that they look into building the college’s social media presence, and opened the floor for advice if

senators have any.

President Waxman shared on behalf of Aidan Mahaffey, the student representative on the Committee on External Affairs:

- The committee's work to strengthen Lafayette's brand and reputation, including brand research and positioning, an audit of admissions marketing, digital marketing strategy, the College's approach to rankings, and making the website a stronger tool for telling Lafayette's story.
- Items: The committee endorsed renaming itself the Committee on Brand and Reputation, along with an updated statement of its charge. Both will go to the full Board for a decision at a future meeting.

President Waxman also shared on behalf of Sarah Judas, the student representative on the Committee on Alumni Relations:

- The key point to share is that Lafayette is pushing for more unrestricted giving, meaning donating to the College as a whole rather than certain organizations, such as the Lacrosse Team and other organizations, as much of the larger gifts are for specific programs. Another topic discussed was Bring the Roar, and the fact that we are using a new technology this year that should make donating far easier and incentivise larger donations! Last year 1.51 million dollars was raised, and this year the goal is 2.5 million

Leadership Building Activity

Advisor Ally Williams introduced a leadership building activity.

All of the attendees were instructed to draw a tree and write things within leaves that they want to leave behind this month. Then, everyone puts traits they want to continue growing in the "roots" of their tree. Everyone was then sorted into groups to share their trees.

Elections Talk

President Waxman asked everyone once again if they'd voted.

President Waxman also shared that she's so proud of all of the candidates who ran in the election. She knows that running in an election is hard and scary, especially on a small campus, but she feels as though everyone has handled it with such grace. She reaffirmed that she would love to see all of the candidates continue on in Student Government, even if they face a loss tomorrow.

She's grateful that Yikyak wasn't an issue this year as well.

She provided herself as a resource to talk to tomorrow.

If you do not win, President Waxman highly encourages you to run for a Senator position.

Advisor Ally Williams shared a few words of inspiration for all of the candidates.

OPEN FLOOR

Senator Nkamga shared that tomorrow from 8-10pm, Leopards @ Nite and LAF are having a costume contest.

Senator Casper shared that the Panhellenic Council and IFC announced their raffles.

Senator Carter thanked everyone for coming to the Leadership Event tonight; she heard that people heard about it through the Life @ Laf Instagram account.

Senator Valenta shared that the McCartney II dining location is coming along, and the Dining Committee spoke to dining services this week!

President Waxman announced that Nov 16 at 7pm there will be a part II to Evening of Acapella.

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim reminded everyone to meet with their clubs for the Delegate System!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karmen Brown is hosting a focus group on male experiences on campus and male senators are encouraged to participate.

Our Meet the Senators Event is in the Bicentennial Village on November 12th at 7pm!

Peep of the Week: Sasha Carter - she is such a dedicated member of student government, always giving a helping hand, even when not asked.

Parliamentarian Atuhaire shared that if anyone needs help with resume help, feel free to go to IAC.

Parliamentarian Atuhaire announced that we'll be having a Student Government ice cream social next week!

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

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim 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: $9,643.50

Total allocated funds: $5,685.92

Treasurer Vale filed a motion to approve the $5,685.92 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 5:59PM. Secretary Cohen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Hayden Cohen ‘29, Secretary