Lafayette College Student Government General Body Meeting

Thursday, November 5th, 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 October 29, 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
Zara Wilson ‘29, Vice President
Grace Vale ‘27, Treasurer
Hayden Cohen ‘29, Secretary
Evalina Ibrahim ‘29, Inclusivity Officer
Amy Atuhaire ‘29, Parliamentarian

Sasha Carter ‘27, Senator
Lily Hoffman ‘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
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

Absent:
Ryan Burns ‘27, Senator
Luna Garces ‘27, Senator
Roy Nisson ‘27, Senator
Lily Nylund ‘27, Senator
Chloe Miller ‘28, Senator
Teddy Sukernik ‘29, Student Observer

BUSINESS
Parliamentarian Atuhaire announced that the pizza party present at the meeting was from IAC and the Cabinet as a special treat for all of the Student Government’s hard work.

Double Minor Proposal Student Feedback

President Waxman presented the proposed Double Minor Motion from the Faculty Committee on Educational Policy. She read off of the proposal to the General Body.

President Waxman pulled up the minutes from February 26, 2026–when the Faculty Committee on Educational Policy had originally presented an earlier version of the double minor proposal.

Feedback:

Senator Ford likes it, and doesn’t know a school that doesn’t offer it–she feels as though Lafayette is behind since we don’t offer it. In Govlaw, there’s so few courses offered, that if they offer a double minor, they should offer more courses.

Parliamentarian Atuhaire: Are they thinking of expanding the current list of minors?

Vice President Wilson wanted to understand the reasoning behind the proposal not allowing students to double major and double minor.

Senator Casper said she’s thought about how advisors play a part in this school. She’s a double major, so she has two advisors, but freshman year, your advisor is just not as present as they should be. She said if we were to implement this, all advisors should have to be up to date with the requirements.

Senator Carter said that she totally agrees with Senator Casper, and added that other schools have advisors that are solely advisors, and not professors. She is in full support of this.

Yoryi added that he’s concerned about students doing majors/minors in 4 separate departments. All staff should be up to date with the requirements and there needs to be an extra level of

caution around it. Especially first-year advisors.

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim said she got out of this that double minors would allow students to take other things outside of their major, and she's heard from people that they consider doing a minor because a lot of their coursework already aligns with them doing a minor, it doesn't really diversify their interests. She doesn't know if this is the solution to students diversifying their coursework.

Senator Ahsan asked if this would apply to the class of 2028?

- Answer: It seems as though they would *not* be eligible
- But, you may be able to add a minor senior fall. So we are unsure…

Senator Ahsan added that a lot of freshmen come in trying to ensure that their CCS is covered. She asked if there is programming in orientation to ensure that first-years are more mindful with the courses they take.

Parliamentarian Atuhaire shared that in her Student Affairs Committee, they've spoken about concerns about students being able to complete these double minors in 4 years. She wants to pose: do we think students could finish their degree in 4 years with this proposal?

Vice President Wilson reaffirmed that all of the faculty advisors need to be aware of how CCS works and how cross-counting classes for different majors/minors would work.

Senator Broikos feels like there needs to be more clarification on what courses can overlap between majors and minors. Also, the existing minor policy should also be updated with clarifications–she doesn't know what it's saying within the proposal as to what current policy is.

Senator Ahsan added that the advisors aren't helpful. We should ensure that everyone has an academic advisor, and the class advisors should be equipped with a lot more knowledge and training. She thinks that after the class advisors receive training, they should know how to direct the student into the major/minor advisors as well.

Jide Nwosu said that he met with his advisor once, so as a first-year, he doesn't really know his advisor at all.

Senator SantaMaria spoke about the new advising program for first-years. They will meet with their advisor over the summer, and pick out their classes with them, building a relationship with them before they step foot onto campus.

Senator Hoffman reaffirmed that advising needs to be looked at. She also shared that she has a friend who has enough coursework to count for a double minor, yet they cannot declare themselves as minors because of current policy. She said it's unfortunate that they can't publicize their coursework through minors, even though they have via past coursework.

Yoyri Roque said that he loves the diversity of having multi-faceted degrees, but it can come with students who are Math-Econ majors but with Econ minors. He wants to ensure that there are guidelines if the committee is aiming to boost creativity in degree focuses.

Committee Work

Student Life, Student Organizations, and the DEI Committee all met briefly for 10 minutes to discuss projects they were working on.

OPEN FLOOR

Senator Nkamga announced that on Sunday from 8-10pm, Leopards@Nite is having an art show gallery. There will be light refreshments!

Senator Carter on the Academic Affairs Committee shared that she is making a finals week survival guide. If anyone has awesome study tips, reach out to her!

Senator Casper promoted the Panhellenic Council raffle, where all proceeds go to ProJeCt of Easton.

Inclusivity Officer Ibrahim shared that next week on Tuesday at 7pm in the Bicentennial Village there is a talk about making friendships and building relationship in college

Senator Bennett shared that:

- For rivalry week, Student Government still needs a wooden "L". He is really bad at designing things, so he is looking for people to help him design the L.
- Student Life Committee is currently working on a project to advocate for specific spots on campus to get more refillable water bottle stations
- He wants to give props to Adil because him and Will went to the community sustainability meeting and he presented
- Get people to fill out the intent to run form for senators

President Waxman shared that Evening of Acapella pt 2 is in 2 mondays!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Thursday is the *Meet the Senators* Event!

On November 17, Student Government gave money to the Williams Center for the Arts, and the first wellness series event is from 12:15-1:15pm!

Peep of the Week: Addison Ford for always showing up with a positive attitude, and jumping right into student government this semester.

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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: $4,334.63

Total allocated funds: $3,428.07

Treasurer Vale filed a motion to approve the $3,428.07 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 8:00PM. Secretary Cohen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by

Hayden Cohen ‘29, Secretary