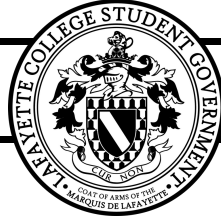


THE BRIEFING

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

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Volume I

The Resilience Project

Let's talk
about mental
health.

On October 19th, The Resilience Project will host its first monthly mental health coordination meeting with the Counseling Center and student organizations. The goal of these meetings are to build student empowerment by taking ownership of the betterment of campus mental health and building new modes of community support.

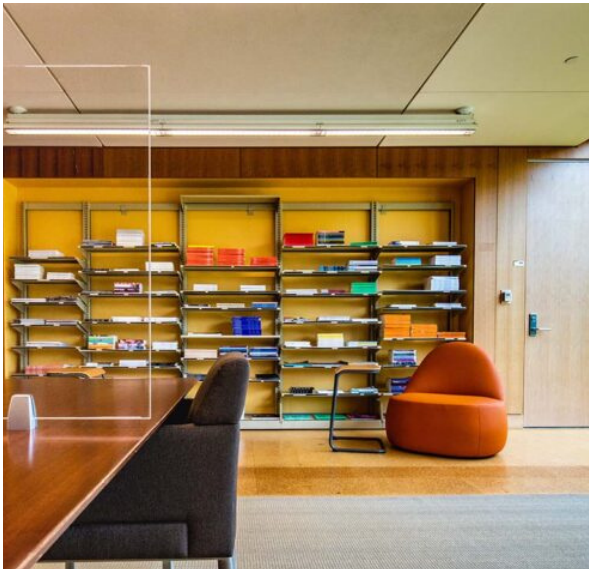
The Academic Affairs Committee, Equity & Inclusion Committee, and Student Services Committee have been working on their mental health initiative, The Resilience Project. This partnership with the Lafayette Counseling Center grew from a desire to connect students with more mental health services in the light of physical separation from community spaces. Student Government members and Dr. Garrison wish to increase awareness of Lafayette's mental health resources, decrease the stigmatization of mental health in academic settings, and get representative student organizations involved in the conversation about what resources students need the most.

StuGov X PASA Consent Campaign

Student Government has partnered with PASA on an anti-sexual violence Consent Campaign. The project, led by Thalia Charles '22, Secretary, will commence with an educational workshop about Title IX on **Thursday, October 8th, at 7:00pm** via Zoom. Student Organizations who choose to get involved will work together to educate themselves and the community about various aspects of consent.

Committee Updates

"During this semester we have been working with departments to include more examples of research and theses on their websites, increasing grading transparency and awareness of grading tools, and partnered with Equity and Inclusion on increasing resource awareness."



Academic Affairs Luisa Gunn '21

"The Academic Affairs Committee has continued to work on a number of projects throughout the summer and into the semester. We are excited to announce that the suggestions and improvements box is officially live and we welcome your input. Link is in the @lafstugov Instagram bio and on our website. Over the summer we worked to ensure that student concerns were brought forward to Provost Meier and Dean Dubischar and to ensure that faculty are aware of the academic challenges students are facing. We have also partnered with Equity and Inclusion and IT to increase resource awareness. Finally, we have confirmed that course evaluations will be happening this semester."



Student Organizations, Shery Deng '22

Student Organizations is currently working on reviewing New Club Applications for the Fall Semester. We have received 8 new applications. Student Organization's most recent project involves a collaboration with Lidya Abebe and the Equity and Inclusion Committee and Lauren Ameruoso of the Greek Life Committee to implement Diversity and Inclusion Training as a requirement for clubs to complete before receiving official club approval.

Greek Life

Lauren Ameruoso '22

The Greek Life Committee has been working hard to make Greek Life at Lafayette a more inclusive and safer space. In an effort to put an end to future instances of sexual harassment/assault and racism in Greek Life at Lafayette, we recognize that there is a large educational component that must take place in conjunction with preventative actions. We have made revisions to Lafayette's Greek Life Accreditation Program for the 2020-2021 accreditation year. These changes ensure accountability from a majority of the chapter's members, as well as clearly outline what specific issues must be addressed in educational and reflective sessions.

Greek Life

Climate

Survey is

open until

October 9th!

Workshops related to the following issues require a minimum of 75% of the chapter's total to be in attendance: sexual assault/harassment and/or dating violence/domestic abuse, hazing education, anti-racism, discrimination, and/or bias, and multiculturalism.



Equity & Inclusion, Lidya Abebe '22

The school has approved a \$600 monthly fund for the Pard Pantry. We are currently in the process of buying shelves for the Pantry to keep items organized and easily accessible to students. The E&I Committee is working on finding more funding to sustain the Pard Pantry in the long run.

We met with Dr. Addy from the Center for the Integration of Teaching, Learning, and scholarship. Representative Maria Salmeron has been working with the office, but we are meeting to talk more about the state of course evaluations and other issues.

We have rebranded the Lafayette Racial Justice Instagram page as the E&I committee page in an attempt to further connect with the Lafayette community. With the help of the PR committee, we have already posted a resource cheat sheet for students with an organized set of links to easily navigate the resources online. Additionally, we have created an email account and hope to be receiving feedback as well as requests for collaboration with other on-campus organizations.

**Watch out for our
October LGBTQ+ Month
programming with LAF!**



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