



# LAFAYETTE COLLEGE MAROON CLUB BY-LAWS

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# **LAFAYETTE COLLEGE MAROON CLUB**

## **A. Mission Statement**

The Maroon Club is an organization comprised of alumni, parents, friends, faculty and students that promotes an excellent academic and athletic undergraduate experience for all Lafayette student-athletes in a competitive Division I athletic program within the Patriot League. This is accomplished by raising unrestricted and restricted funds for the Maroon Club General Fund and specific sports. The mission of the Maroon Club is to enhance the student-athlete experience for all of Lafayette's 23 Division I athletic programs.

## **B. Maroon Club General Fund Support**

1. Common Support Programs
  - a. Athletic Training Services
  - b. Strength and Conditioning
  - c. Equipment
  - d. Maroon Club Bus
2. Education
  - a. Academic and Career Support
  - b. Health and Nutrition
  - c. Leadership Advancement
3. Marketing and Promotion
  - a. GoLeopards.com
  - b. Daily Maroon Club Email
  - c. Game Tracker
4. Alumni and Student Outreach
  - a. Hall of Fame Dinner
  - b. Fall and Spring Golf Outings

## **C. Membership**

The Maroon Club, through its open membership policy, welcomes anyone wishing to support Lafayette Athletics. A minimum gift of \$50 or more to the Maroon Club General Fund constitutes membership.

## **D. Governance**

### **1. CONSTITUTION: Lafayette College Maroon Club**

#### **Article I: Name and Organization**

Section 1: The group shall be known as the Lafayette College Maroon Club.

Section 2: Its objective is to promote the welfare of Lafayette College through the support of the athletic program of the College. This will be accomplished through:

- a. raising unrestricted funds to support the initiatives outlined in Section B “General Fund Support”;
- b. providing leadership from alumni, parents, and friends to unite and strengthen their interest in the athletic programs of Lafayette College;
- c. disseminating information about Lafayette College athletics;
- d. providing advice and insight through its Executive Committee on decisions affecting Lafayette Athletics;
- e. nominating candidates to the Board of Trustees for the Lafayette College Hall of Fame; and
- f. supporting the various “Friends of” Committees that actively fundraise and “friendraise” for a particular sport.

## **Article II: Membership**

Section 1: Every person who contributes to the Maroon Club General Fund or who makes a gift to any sport equal to the basic membership level shall be an active member for that year. The privileges of membership shall be specified in the by-laws.

Section 2: Only active members may be elected to the Executive Committee or make recommendations for nominations.

## **Article III: Executive Committee**

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the elected and appointed officers of the Maroon Club, the Director of Athletics, twelve to twenty members at large, two faculty members, the Executive Director of the Maroon Club, President of the Student Athletic Advisory Council, a men’s and women’s sport coach representative, and the Director of Athletic Communications and Promotions.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall have full authority for all members of the Maroon Club. All actions taken shall be reported promptly to all members.

Section 3: Meetings shall be called by the President of the Maroon Club. One meeting shall be held in the fall, one in the winter, and one in the spring. Other meetings shall be called as needed.

Section 4: Half of the voting members are required to conduct business.

## **Article IV: Officers**

Section 1: The elected officers of the Maroon Club shall be the President, Vice President and Secretary. The manner of their nomination shall be prescribed in the by-laws.

Section 2: Appointed officers of the Maroon Club shall have the privilege of voting at the Executive Committee meetings. The development office liaison shall be appointed by the Executive Director of the Maroon Club.

Section 3: The Director of Athletics shall be a member of the Executive Committee with full voting privileges. He/She shall also report the status of the Maroon Club's finances, plan the budgets, and make recommendations at each meeting.

Section 4: The President of the Maroon Club shall:

- 1) preside at all meetings of the Maroon Club Executive Committee;
- 2) direct the business of the Maroon Club with the approval of the Executive Committee;
- 3) appoint all temporary committees he/she feels are necessary;
- 4) represent the Maroon Club at various College functions;
- 5) fill vacancies on the Executive Committee as they occur in accordance with the by-laws; and
- 6) make sure other officers and committees of the Maroon Club properly execute their responsibilities.

Section 5: The Vice President shall carry out the duties of the president in his/her absence and shall serve as the chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

Section 6: The Secretary shall record activities of the Executive Committee, notify members of upcoming meetings and disseminate any pertinent information regarding the Executive Committee.

Section 7: The Executive Director of the Maroon Club shall represent the Office of Development and College Relations at the Maroon Club Executive Committee meetings. He/She shall collect and disperse all monies payable to the Maroon Club. He/She shall also provide reports as necessary.

#### **Article V: Communications**

Section 1: The Director of Athletic Communications and Promotions shall designate and edit the official communications.

Section 2: The Maroon Club Executive Committee shall offer recommendations for the communications marketing plan.

#### **Article VI: By-Laws**

The Executive Committee shall have the power to make and amend by-laws of the Maroon Club.

## **Article VII: Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended in whole or in part at any regular meeting of the Maroon Club Executive Committee by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that notice shall have been given at a previous meeting or in writing three weeks prior to the meeting.

## **Article VII: Ratification**

The Constitution of the Lafayette College Maroon Club may be ratified at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote provided members have received written notice of the Constitution three weeks prior to the meeting. Upon ratification of this Constitution, the Maroon Club Executive Committee shall be bound to conduct all business in compliance with this Constitution.

## **2. BY-LAWS: Lafayette College Maroon Club**

### **Article I: Membership**

Section 1: Active members are entitled to receive all regular communication from the Maroon Club. Maroon Club giving levels are as follows:

- a. Maroon Club \$50-\$99
- b. Coaches Club \$100-\$499
- c. Varsity Club \$500-\$999
- d. Leopard's Circle \$1,000-\$1,825
- e. Blue Chip Club \$1,826-\$4,999
- f. Leadership Gift \$5,000+

### **Article II: Selection of Executive Committee**

Section 1: The following members of the Executive Committee will be appointed by the Director of Athletics and the Executive Director of the Maroon Club:

- a. Coaches who will serve a three-year term
- b. Faculty members who will serve a three-year term

Section 2: Elections shall be held at the winter meeting to fill the following positions:

- a. Vice President and Secretary
- b. Active members of the Maroon Club to serve as members at large on the Executive Committee

Section 3: The President, Vice President and Secretary shall serve a two-year term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, Vice President, or Secretary, the term of the President, Vice President and Secretary shall be provided in Section 7 of this article. Members at large shall serve a three-year term. At the completion of their first term, members can be re-nominated for a second three-year term.

Members can serve no more than two consecutive terms. A two-thirds majority vote is required to remove an officer/at-large member from the Executive Committee.

Section 4: The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of two members at large, the Vice President of the Maroon Club who will chair the Committee, the Director of Athletics, and the Executive Director of the Maroon Club. The Nominating Committee will report its recommendations to the Maroon Club Executive Committee. Recommendations may be received by the Nominating Committee in writing from any active member for any of these positions.

Section 5: The Hall of Fame Committee shall be comprised of two members at large, one of whom will be appointed chairperson of the Committee for two years by the President of the Maroon Club, the Executive Director of the Maroon Club, the Director of Athletics, and up to eleven voting members. The Hall of Fame Committee will report its recommendations each year at the spring meeting for approval by the Executive Committee. These recommendations will be made to the Executive Committee by the chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee. Recommendations may be received by the Hall of Fame Committee in writing from any active member.

Section 6: The Steering Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Director of Athletics, and the Executive Director of the Maroon Club.

Section 7: Executive Committee Vacancies

- a. If a vacancy arises in the office of President and there is less than one year remaining of his/her term, the Vice President shall become President for the remainder of the unexpired term and have a two-year term thereafter. If a vacancy arises and more than one year remains in the term of office, the Vice President shall become the President for the remainder of the term, but he/she shall not serve any part of the year term thereafter.
- b. If a vacancy arises in the position of the Vice President, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a candidate for the office to be voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee.
- c. If a vacancy arises in the position of Secretary, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a candidate for the office to be voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee.
- d. If a vacancy arises in the position of an at-large member, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a candidate to the office to be voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 8: Election of the President, Vice President, Secretary, members at large and recommendations to the Hall of Fame shall be by majority of those voting at the meeting.

Section 9: The Development and Alumni Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees shall offer final approval on all Maroon Club Executive Committee nominees before they become official members.

### **Article III: Committees**

Section 1: Standing Committees shall include Nominating, Hall of Fame, and Steering. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be the Vice President, and the chairperson of the Hall of Fame Committee shall be appointed by the President. Members of these Committees will be appointed by the Committee Chairperson with the approval of the Executive Committee and in compliance with these by-laws. Additional Standing Committees may be designated by the Executive Committee through the amendment procedure for these by-laws.

Section 2: The President shall designate those committees he/she feels are required to conduct the business of the Maroon Club.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall be comprised of:

- 1) elected and appointed officers of the Maroon Club;
- 2) the Director of Athletics;
- 3) members at large elected to the Executive Committee;
- 4) the Executive Director of the Maroon Club;
- 5) President of the Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC);
- 6) one men's sport and one women's sport representative;
- 7) two faculty representatives; and
- 8) the Director of Athletic Communications and Promotions.

Section 4: Terms of office shall be fixed by the appointed authority.

### **Article IV: Amendments**

These by-laws may be amended in whole or in part at any regular meeting of the Maroon Club Executive Committee by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that notice shall have been given at a previous meeting or in writing three weeks prior to the meeting.

### **Article V: Ratification**

The by-laws of the Lafayette College Maroon Club may be ratified at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote providing members have received written notice of the by-laws three weeks prior to the meeting. Upon ratification of these by-laws, the Maroon Club Executive Committee shall be bound to conduct all business in compliance with these by-laws. The Maroon Club shall submit its Constitution and by-laws to the Development Alumni Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees for its approval.