

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES (Approved 10-12-22)
Via Zoom, 2:00-3:00 pm, Wednesday, September 7, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER. Interim committee chair, John Ongley, called the September 2022 meeting of the Lehman College Senate Campus Life and Facilities Committee to order at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, September 7, 2022. The meeting was held online, via Zoom.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT. Committee members in attendance were: Ms. Robin Auchincloss, Prof. Carole Baraldi, Prof. Kofi Benefo, Prof. Christine Neumayer, Prof. John Ongley, Prof. Penny Prince, and Prof. Maurice Vann. The year's student committee members had not yet been approved by the Senate and were not present. No nonmembers were present.

II. REPORTS. FACILITIES. Robin Auchincloss, director of facilities, gave the following report:

- a. Construction of the new Nursing building is on schedule for completion by April 2023. This will be followed by delivery and installation of furniture, fixtures, and equipment.
- b. Fuel Oil Tank Replacement – The project is in the final stages of obtaining City approval.
- c. Expansion of Social Work into Davis Hall – The project has been delayed while awaiting permits.
- d. Davis Hall, 335-337 classroom upgrades to meet current requirements is near completion.

III. NEW BUSINESS. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. John Ongley was nominated and elected committee chair for the academic year 2022-2023. No other positions, such as secretary or vice-chair, were discussed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

1. CAFETERIA HOURS AND OFFERINGS. Concerns about limited hours of operation and food offerings in campus cafeterias were expressed by many committee members. As of Sep 7, the music building's main cafeteria is still not open, the Harmony Café has limited hours with limited offerings (pizza, sandwiches, grilled food), and apparently no salad. Carman Hall Cafeteria has similarly limited hours and offerings.

A general concern of the committee seems to be getting Lehman College back up on its feet and running at full capacity again. We do not seem to be there yet. Committee member Maurice Vann pointed out that if we want to bring the students back to campus, one of the first things we need to do is to get the cafeterias up and running again.

2. OFFICE AND CAMPUS ACCESS. Many offices are closed and operating online or on limited hours (as of Sep 7). This has made it difficult or impossible for students to get their administrative business taken care of. And the still-closed campus makes this even more difficult for people who are not students and those who wish to return to school to get enrolled or re-enrolled and signed up for classes.

3. COVID PROTECTION. Doubts were expressed about the effectiveness of Lehman's current COVID protection plan due to the fact that access to campus depends almost entirely on vaccination.

V. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

John Ongley, October 5, 2022