

## **CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

### **LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE**

#### **MINUTES OF CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OCT 15, 2025**

**VIA ZOOM, 2.00- 3:20 pm**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: The Wednesday, OCT 15, 2025 meeting of the Lehman College Campus Life and Facilities Committee was called to order at 2:00 pm by committee chair, Kofi Benefo. The meeting was held online via Zoom.
- 2) COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Kofi Benefo, Di Wu, Penny Prince, Melissa Deri, Anne Pelisson, Administrator Charlotte Diehl, Wlimary Dickson-Delarosa, Christian Toro
- 3) COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Magaldi-Dopman, Christina M. Rivera
- 4) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Minutes of Campus Life and Facilities Committee Sept. 3, 2025 meeting approved
- 5) VISITORS FROM STUDENT AFFAIRS DIVISION: Vice-President Dr. Jermaine Wright, Assessment lead – Dr. Jaye Jones, and Commencement chair- Denny Santos stopped by to discuss the student experience survey that the Division is conducting in partnership with Hanover Research, as well as to provide updates regarding Winter Commencement. Guests gave us important updates on several topics:
  - Shared plans for re-imagining Graduation Ceremonies to reduce time and risk of rain disruption. One plan is to have a Winter Commencement on January 22 at 10 AM for summer and fall graduates in the Performing Arts Center. Another is to have at least 2 (possibly 3) Commencement Ceremonies in June: one for Grads and perhaps two for Undergrads(possibly organized by school).
  - A dormitory with 180 beds is planned to open in Fall 2026 on Fordham and Grand Concourse: first-come, first-served by application.
  - In conjunction with Hanover Research, Student Affairs is conducting a survey on quality of Lehman experience for Students. They ask that we spread the word of this to our students.
- 6) FACILITIES REPORT: presented by Charlotte
  - Davis roof replacement is nearly complete.
  - Gillet roof replacement is proceeding quickly
  - Shuster façade restoration and window replacement is proceeding. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is vacated to facilitate window replacements. Basement will be vacated next.
  - Old Gym center for teaching and learning is under construction.
  - Carman Hall plaza roofs & stair restoration is under construction. We are working with the contractor to coordinate work that must be done under the plazas, is noisy, or creates strong odors with class schedules.
  - Library window replacement project is under construction. Window deliveries are delayed and now scheduled to begin in December.
  - Music building roof replacement and façade restoration is under construction.
  - Carman Hall ADA bathroom upgrade project will be commencing in the coming weeks.
  - Mechanics garage roof replacement project will be commencing in the coming weeks.

- Shuster HVAC replacement project is out to bid and will commence early in 2026.
  - Old Gym window replacement project is scheduled to go to bid late 2025 and commence construction in 2026.
  - Carman Hall HVAC replacement will be fully funded and put out for bid in early 2026 with construction expected to commence later in 2026.
  - Intumescent paint project in the Science Building atrium is completed
  - Glass railing replacement in Performing Arts Center started and should be completed by the end of the year.
  - Campus wide digital signage project is beginning implantation.
  - Continued revamping of the bathrooms in Carman, including clothing hooks
  - New signage at Carman directing people to the Cafeteria:
  - Addition of bird-strips or new bird tinting windows in the Fine Arts Building and Library ongoing.
- 7) PENNY'S REPORT FROM LAST SENATE ON BOOKSTORE: VP Wright, who is on the Auxiliary Board, informed her that the Bookstore was losing a lot of money and was demanding more money to stay on campus. That is the reason for the relocation to internet only location. The VP promised to keep us abreast of updates.
  - 8) PETITION TO REVERSE BOOKSTORE DECISION: Committee discussed the possibility of a petition to reverse bookstore relocation to online . But it does not at the moment seem viable.
  - 9) MUSIC BUILDING ELEVATOR: Intermittent breakdown of the (one) elevator in the Music Building is still a problem especially for students needing assistance to get up to classes. Charlotte thinks a backup elevator in that building or speech & theater building would be a tremendous undertaking and it is not even clear there is room.
  - 10) NO SOAP IN CARMAN HALL BASEMENT DISPENSER: Soap dispenser in Carman Hall north entrance had no soap for several weeks. Kofi worked with Buildings & Grounds to deal with it. Must also keep Charlotte updated.
  - 11) CAMPUS CAFETERIA COMMITTEE: Committee members discussed the status of the cafeteria committee as it appears not to be currently functional. Unresolved issues with pricing and food offerings involving the current vendor were mentioned.
  - 12) NEXT MEETING: November 5th, 2-3 on zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Prince