

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

MINUTES OF CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING DEC 4, 2024

VIA ZOOM, 2:05-2:14 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Wednesday, Dec 4, 2024 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, Alex Bux, Penny Prince, Melissa Deri, Di Wu, Amna Ishaq
3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Robin Auchincloss, Danielle Magaldi-Dopman, Kimarea Brown, Wilmary Dickson
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: We approved the minutes of our November 13, 2024 meeting.
5. MEMBER ABSENCES: Benefo reported that he reached out to the senate president to confirm Professor Magaldi-Dopman's committee membership. The president directed him to contact the professor directly so Benefo emailed Prof Magaldi-Dopman but has not yet received a response. Benefo asked the committee if he should seek a committee substitute for Prof. Magaldi-Dopman. Prof. Prince also confirmed members' approval of the committees' meeting times and structures.
6. CARMAN CLASSROOM OPENINGS: Prof. Di Wu reported that his classroom in Carman B38 has failed to be open for his 9am class on multiple mornings. Every time that happened he has had to call Public safety to send someone. This is a big problem because he and his students are kept outside during time that they could be using to prepare for the upcoming lesson. Prof Wu wants the classrooms open by 8:45 am at the latest. The committee decided to get some input from Robin Auchincloss, the Director Of Campus Planning & Facilities, about whom to report the matter to.
7. HAZARDS POSED BY CAMPUS BUILDINGS TO BIRDS: Professor Deri mentioned that she had become aware of student concerns regarding hazards newer glass buildings on campus, such as the Science Hall, posed to birds. She noted that there are in fact a number of ongoing student projects investigating avian mortality arising from bird & building collisions. She wanted to know if the matter fell within committee's purview. The committee thought it did. Prof. Deri promised to get more information about the students' activities. The discussion noted that having dot markings on building windows is known to reduce the threat posed to birds and committee members wanted to know if markings could be added to building windows by the college. The committee also decided to get some input from Robin Auchincloss about how best to address the issue.
8. ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCES IN CARMAN HALL: Committee discussed accessible entrances/exits in Carman Hall's Ground Floor. The discussion noted that Carman is equipped with two accessible entrances but the south-east entrance? is not. Committee members wanted to know if that entrance could also be provided with an accessible entry way.

9. NEXT MEETING: Next meeting is Wednesday February 5, 2025 at 2-3 pm on zoom. Happy Holidays.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting ended at 2.14 pm

Respectfully submitted, Prof. Prince