

## **CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

### **LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE**

#### **MINUTES OF CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING FEB 5, 2025**

##### **VIA ZOOM, 2:05-3 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Wednesday, FEB 5, 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, Robin Auchincloss, Melissa Deri, Di Wu, Penny Prince and guest: Student Daniel Schwartz
3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Magaldi-Dopman, Alex Bux(informed Kofi that he is withdrawing from committee), Kimarea Brown, Wilmary Dickson, Amna Ishaq (informed Kofi that she has a conflict with committee meeting times and will be working with the student government president on other ways to contribute)
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Approval of MINUTES OF CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING DEC 4, 2024 postponed because committee did not have a quorum
5. SPECIAL GUEST: Our special guest was Macaulay Honors student Daniel Schwartz. Daniel gave an excellent presentation on research he's been conducting on the high number of bird deaths and injuries on the Lehman campus. What he has done is keep track of the timings and locations of bird injuries and mortality on the campus since the summer of 2023. He has counted 103 out of 223 injuries/deaths that he believes were caused by collisions with windows and buildings on the campus. Daniel's research raises many issues, including possible interventions, which he explored with the committee. He has been in touch with the American Bird Conservancy which has a list of remediation techniques ranging from decals (dots) to Acopian Birdsavers (vertical strips to hang on windows), to actually changing the composition and coloring of windows. The committee also suggested looking into possibility of partnering with the Bronx Zoo, the Botanical Gardens, and the National Audubon Society for advice and grant funding. It was also suggested that we reach out to Edward J Kennelly, Professor of Biological Sciences([edward.kennelly@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:edward.kennelly@lehman.cuny.edu)) ,for input. The committee also thought this could be a fine Lehman community project, possibly initiated in connection with Arbor Day or Earth Day or Tu B'Shvat (Tree Day). . Robin will also discuss the issue with design teams currently working on window replacements at Lehman.
6. NEW MEMBERS DISCUSSION: Kofi informed the committee that Alex Bux has resigned from the committee. He requested permission to ask the senate governance committee for replacements for Alex and Danielle.
7. FACILITIES REPORT: Robin updated us on completed and ongoing projects on campus.
  - a. Music Building Tower Restoration project was completed and project is up for a Lucy Moses historic preservation award!
  - b. Davis Roof Replacement project is under construction.
  - c. Shuster Exterior Restoration and Window Replacement in construction. This project includes some stair reconstruction at exterior of Fine Arts as well.
  - d. At the Old Gym - a new Center for Teaching and Learning is under construction.
  - e. Projects expected to start construction in the next year include Music Building Roof Replacement, Carman Plaza Restoration, Library Window Replacement.

8. OTHER CONCERNS RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
  - a. Adding 2 ply toilet tissue in bathrooms
  - b. Adding (plastic) hooks inside all bathroom stalls;
  - c. Opening classrooms earlier than classes begin so that students can prepare, especially in Carman Hall Basement. Kofi will alert Fausto Ramirez to recent problems. It was noted that calls regarding this problem should go to Public Safety Office: 718 960 8228.
  - d. Parking Access: the committee was informed that any problems involving security guards at the Gates not locating the names of visitors should be resolved by calling Fausto and the Public Safety Office: 718 960 8228.
9. UPCOMING SENATE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS. Kofi informed committee of upcoming senate elections in March. Professors Di Wu and Melissa Deri were informed that their terms of service will be ending. But they indicated that they would be happy to be renominated to the committee. The strategy is to get as many colleagues as possible, including committee members, to nominate them. Kofi, Penny and Robin will be continuing. Two more faculty members are needed for the committee asap.
10. NEXT MEETING Next meeting is March 5, 2-3pm on zoom.
11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting ended at 3.00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Penny Prince