

Lehman College
The City University of New York
Minutes of the Meeting – Campus Life and Facilities
April 6, 2022, 2:30 p.m., ZOOM

Present: Jen Collett; Penny Prince, Carole Baraldi; John Ongley; Kofi Benefo; Christine Neumayer, Robin Auchincloss; Andre Thompson; Professor Vani Kanna; Lucy Mercado; Caleb Kim; Esther Saforo

AGENDA ITEMS COVERED:

1. UPDATES

- a. Introductions Student Representatives
 - i. Andre Junior @ Lehman; Served in SGA; Art specializing drawing and design; will serve until the end of this academic year
 - ii. Esther – Served in SGA; Anthropology, Biology & Chemistry; will serve until the end of this academic year.
 - iii. No student concerns as of to date.
 - iv. STUDENTS EXPERIENCES WITH RANDOM TESTING:
 1. John questioned students about COVID testing: Esther did share some difficulties that students are encountering with the random testing since Lehman is a commuter school. Andre also sees students running into issues re: vaccination. John also expressed concerns that students are not receiving the emails about random testing.
 2. Penny indicated two students missed the midterm because they never received the email re: random testing. Must acknowledge that students are not getting some of these emails and thus the college must understand that they cannot tell students that they cannot gain entrance to campus, especially during midterms and finals.
 3. Carole has also had issues with testing – students were told that they will not have access to campus until results are posted, but CUNY policy states “you have access until the results are posted”.
 - a. NEXT STEPS: Carole will connect with Penny Prince and send Rene a second email voicing the committee’s concerns.
- b. Robin Auchincloss, Director of Campus Life & Facilities
 - i. CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION & UPGRADES:
 1. Nursing Building – steel structure is being erected. Status of construction can be viewed on the Campus Facilities website: <https://www.lehman.edu/administration/facilities-management/new-nursing-research-center.php> The nursing building is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2023.
 2. A new air handling unit is being installed for the Gillet Auditorium over spring break.
 3. Carmen Lecture Halls are scheduled to be fully renovated, one at a time starting next winter.

4. Emergency Power Upgrade – This project is currently running conduit in Carman and Davis that will connect equipment to new emergency generators.
 5. Teaching and Learning Center Project for Old Gym is in bidding process.
- ii. **FOOD SERVICES:**
1. World Cup Café will open a café in Carman. Scheduled to open in the next several weeks.
 2. At this time there is no new vendor in place for the cafeteria in the Music Building.
 - a. Vani and Lucy came to talk to the committee about plant-based vendors for avkannan@gmail.com; lucymercadomu@gmail.com the cafeteria.
 - b. Vani: works around food justice and shared several, healthy, plant-based food vendors that could be a potential vendor for the large cafeteria. The question is – how can we plug in to these affordable, local plant-based organizations?
 - i. Next Stop Vegan, No Carne Bodega, Botanical Market, Vegan's Delight, Healthy Fresh, Ceremony Cerebellum, Break Bread Not Hearts, Woke Foods. Break Bread Not Heart's and Ceremony Cerebellum work together.
 - ii. Chilis on Wheels (contact Eloisa: Eloisa@chilisonwheels.org - she would be happy to speak with you) – <https://www.chilisonwheels.org/> Chilis on Wheels is a vendor and has been on an advocate for creating plant-based options in K-12 schools.
 - iii. Blackricanvegan - https://instagram.com/blackricanvegan?utm_medium=copy_link
 - c. Leah Johnney – was a former student who organized the food pantry and the lack of access to fresh and healthy food. Vani will try and contact her to see if she could support Lehman's efforts in finding a new vendor.
 - i. NEXT STEPS: Jen Collett will work with Vani and Lucy to write an email to Lehman College Business Office – VP business; direct communication to Gina Harwood.
 - c. **LIBRARY** – The library has revised access requirement so that students no longer have to reserve passes to gain entrance to the library. Kenneth Schlesinger sent an email to the Lehman community informing all of the change in operation.

2. SPRING 2022 MEETINGS:

- a. During the Spring semester the Campus Life and Facilities Committee will meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 2:30-3:30 PM over zoom. The dates are as follow:
 - Wednesday, May 4, 2:30-3:30 PM

ZOOM LINK:

<https://lehman-cuny-edu.zoom.us/j/86561250313?pwd=M2pOY3RsNTd2a0FzTzVSMzhVM0lZQT09>

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