

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

MINUTES OF CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING SEPT 3, 2025

VIA ZOOM, 1.30-2.52 pm

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: The Wednesday, SEPT 3, 2025 meeting of the Lehman College Campus Life and Facilities Committee was called to order at 1:30 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
- 3) COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Magaldi-Dopman, Christina M. Rivera, Christian Toro, Wilmary Dickson
- 4) Welcome new members: CHARLOTTE.DIEHL@lehman.cuny.edu University Architect with Lehman Facilities. Student members- Christina M. Rivera(christina.rivera3@lc.cuny.edu), Christian Toro(christian.toro@lc.cuny.edu),
- 5) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Minutes of Campus Life and Facilities Committee Meetings Dec 4, 2024, Feb 2, 2025, Mar 5, 2025, April 2, 2025, May 7, 2025 approved.
- 6) COMMITTEE MANDATE: Reviewed Campus Life and Facilities committee functions
- 7) STUDENT IT PROBLEMS: Committee discussed the transitions to multi-factor authentication protocols and Brightspace, which appear to have overwhelmed IT help so much so that faculty are having to step in to provide student help during class.
- 8) FACILITIES REPORT ON ONGOING CAPITAL PROJECT WORK presented by Charlotte
 - Davis roof replacement is nearing completion
 - Gillet roof replacement is under construction. We are working with custodial staff and the construction crew to address concerns over construction related dust in the food service lab in particular.
 - Shuster exterior restoration and window replacement is under construction. Currently windows are scheduled to start arriving in October.
 - 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 scheduled to begin in October.
 - Music building roof replacement and façade restoration is under construction.
 - Campus Bridge restoration project will be commencing in the coming weeks. The bridge will be closed during phases of this project. Campus wide notification will be sent to clarify when the bridge will be closed once the dates of the closure are clear.
 - 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.
- 9) KEYED ELEVATOR IN DAVIS HALL: Melissa brought up the problems surrounding the keyed elevator in Davis Hall. There is only one elevator requiring a key. We suggest that Office of Disabilities and Public Safety come up with a plan and signage to assist people who may need use of the elevator on an impromptu basis: where do they acquire the key and how do they know about it?
 - 10) SECOND ELEVATOR IN MUSIC BUILDING: Penny brought up the need for a second elevator in the Music/Speech/Theatre building. This has been an ongoing concern, and ideas are necessary to deal with the issues which occur when the one elevator is not in service. Penny reported that on 9/12 the elevator broke and prevented wheelchair using student from going to class. Elevator was fixed but problem of access during elevator downtime remains and is problematic.
 - 11) CARMAN HALL SIGNAGE: Immediate signage is necessary to help people find their way to the carmen cafeteria while the Plaza is still off limits. Charlotte offered to raise with Public Safety.
 - 12) LEHMAN BOOKSTORE: We discussed the need for a campus-wide weigh-in about reimagining the Bookstore. The committee thought the decision to close and take the bookstore all online was problematic. There were questions about whether the reconfiguring the former bookstore location as a place not only to purchase books but also for merchandise (notebooks, hygiene products, candy bars), and as a place to congregate for poetry readings and author appearances might have saved it? There were questions about whether the student body and faculty/staff were included in the discussion? Charlotte pointed out that it is unlikely that bookstore will be returned to the campus.
 - 13) WOMEN'S BATHROOMS IN CARMAN HALL: Penny reported the presence of broken coat hooks on a number of stall doors. Charlotte mentioned that the renovation work is planned for Carman Hall bathrooms will probably cover those repairs.
 - 14) SEATING ARRANGEMENTS IN SHUSTER HALLWAYS: Penny raised the need for seating in front of offices serving students like the ID cards issuing office (shuster 78) and the Bursar's Office (shuster 31).
 - 15) FURNITURE REFURBISHMENT IN GILLET HALL: Melissa brought up the presence of many broken seats and tables in Gillet 024.
 - 16) NO SOAP IN THE DISPENSER IN CARMAN HALL: Penny reported empty soap dispensers in the Basement of Carman Hall north entrance.
 - 17) COMMITTEE MEETING DAYS AND TIMES: Committee decided to continue meeting on Wednesdays, before Senate meetings, at 2:00-3:00 pm.
 - 18) NEXT MEETING: Next meeting is October 15, Wednesday, 2-3 pm on zoom
 - 19) ADJOURNMENT: Meeting ended at 2.52 pm

Respectfully submitted, Penny Prince