

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

MINUTES OF CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING Dec 10, 2025

VIA ZOOM 2-2.56 pm

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: The Wednesday, Dec 10, 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, Anne Pelisson, Penny Prince, Administrator Charlotte Diehl
- 3) COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Deri, Danielle Magaldi, Gabrielle Jackson, Christian Toro, Daniel Schwartz
- 4) GUEST VISITOR: Denny Santos, Director, Compliance and Operations Division of Student Affairs
- 5) APPROVAL OF NOV 5, 2025 MEETING: minutes approval postponed in the absence of a quorum
- 6) FACILITIES REPORT:
 - a. Music building upgrades planned for semester break
 - b. Carman Hall work on redoing concrete in courtyard will continue in break
 - c. Campus Bridge work to occur during break. Lower causeway will be kept clear
 - d. Shuster windows project continuing
 - e. T3 roof repair work to be complete in week. B& G will do additional work
 - f. Davis & Gillet roofs to complete by Christmas
 - g. Social work Department-furniture and accessories ready for setup by IT.

- h. Benches for use as hallway seating in Shuster may already be available-Charlotte will confirm

7) OTHER PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTED:

- a. Dust accumulation in Carman 236 & garbage amassing outside Carman Hall, attracting mice: Charlotte suggested submitting a work request order to B & G (on their website) and cc: Charlotte.Diehl@lehman.cuny.edu .

8) REJUVENATING CAFETERIA COMMITTEE: Penny reported on meeting with VP. Bethania Ortega. Prof. Deri and two students have expressed interest in membership.

9) GILLET'S KEYED ELEVATOR & SIGNAGE. Old discussion resurfaced. Charlotte suggested Richard Relkin, Assistant Vice President for Communications and Marketing as possible point person

10) BATHROOM SOAP & HAND SANITIZER DISPENSERS: Kofi reported on efforts to reach out to B & G on matters concerning 1). Bathroom soap dispensers in the fourth-floor restrooms in Davis Hall that often run out of soap 2) Empty hand sanitizer dispensers next to the Loevinger theater and on the second-floor hallway of the speech and theater building. 3) Empty soap dispensers in the Basement of Carman Hall, north entrance. Charlotte noted and indicated that B&G recently hired a supervisor who will look into these matters.

11) ONE-PLY TOILET PAPER: Committee discussed the possibility of replacing with thicker ones. Charlotte pointed out that the college will have to go through the current supply before it will be possible to move to thicker rolls.

12) STUDENT OPINIONS ON BOOKSTORE RELOCATION TO ONLINE: Discussion indicated that students generally like the convenience of the online store. Nonetheless, there appears to be a general feeling

that it is essential to have a central space for community, where students can sit and read, buy non-textbook literature and sundries, and possibly host author readings and other events. Charlotte says it is a good idea but probably will take at least 2 years as current big construction projects are completed.

- 13) STUDENT USE OF EMAIL: Anne raised the issue of students not using college emails, which compromises access to them and also compromises discussions of sensitive college matters that have FERPA implications. Members wondered whether it would be possible to develop incentives to increase students' use of college email accounts for all college matters. It does not appear that it can be made mandatory, but ideas floated include having faculty provide more guidance to students and having the college offer mandatory tutorials.
- 14) LEHMAN STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE SURVEY: Denny Santos provided a preliminary report on the results of the survey conducted by the College and Hanover Research in the fall 2025 semester. Over 400 responses, mostly from students, were in. Denny pointed out that so far, results indicate that students are not aware of many of the services provided by the college. They appear to know more about our Justice Impacted Services, like LGBTQ services center, but not so much about the counselling center, career center and housing services. The results suggest that college needs to design its onboarding services for new students to highlight the services. Penny offered to speak to any group about our Reentry@Lehman committee, and its new office in T3 116, due to open in the new year.

15) NEXT MEETING: February 4, at 2:00 pm by zoom. We hope to have student representatives at that meeting.

16) ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm

Happy New Year! PP