

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

MINUTES OF CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING Nov. 5, 2025

VIA ZOOM 2-2.46 pm

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: The Wednesday, NOV 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, Di Wu, Penny Prince, Melissa Deri, Anne Pelisson, Administrator Charlotte Diehl
- 3) COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Magaldi-Dopman, Christina M. Rivera, Christian Toro, Daniel Schwartz
- 4) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Minutes of Oct 15, 2025 meeting approved
- 5) DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS SURVEY: Penny reported updates from VP Wright on the survey being developed by Student Affairs Division and Hanover Research to gather feedback from faculty, staff and students about the student experience at Lehman College. The object is to collect data on programs, services, and resources support students' academic success, personal growth, and overall well-being. The survey will launch on November 10th and remain open until November 21st.
- 6) CONTINUED CAFETERIA ISSUES: Pre-COVID-19, plasticware and condiments were available for free beyond the cash registers. Post-COVID, students are charged \$0.35 for a plastic fork if they ask for one without buying anything else from the cafeteria. Lunchables are also being sold. Members disapproved of these post-COVID developments. Members discussed reviving the Cafeteria Committee to address significant concerns among students and staff about the lack of healthy, fresh options, including a salad-and-sandwich bar and gluten-free offerings. Members felt that these issues would become more urgent for the students who will be living in the dorm next year.
- 7) FACILITIES REPORT:
 - Davis & Gillet roofing is nearly complete
 - Shuster window replacement suspended
 - Library windows project to be delayed
 - Workplace accident: music building roof
 - Half Doors Installment-first amendment checks
- 8) GILLET 024: The stairs leading to the podium side of the stage have one broken plank. Repeated smell of cigarette smoke in the auditorium, security has been notified. Charlotte requested that work requests be submitted for such issues
- 9) BATHROOM SOAP: Fourth-floor restrooms in Davis often run out of soap. Kofi will notify Buildings.Ground@lehman.cuny.edu with cc to Charlotte
- 10) EMPTY HAND SANITIZER DISPENSERS: The Loevinger theater and the second floor of the speech and theater hallway hand sanitizer dispensers need replenishing. Kofi will notify Buildings.Ground@lehman.cuny.edu with cc to Charlotte
- 11) ELEVATOR PROBLEMS IN MUSIC BUILDING DISCUSSED: We discussed the possibility of a chair lift or another alternative to the one-elevator problem in the music building. Charlotte alerted us to

construction, safety, and feasibility issues, and she will look into them. Members viewed photos of possible solutions.

- 12) UPGRADING WATER FOUNTAIN(S) IN DAVIS HALL: Current fountains present challenges for refilling bottles.
- 13) SEATING IN SCHUSTER AND IT CENTER HALLWAYS: We'd like narrow benches placed in Shuster to provide respite where students stand for long periods waiting for service. This seems to be a severe problem near the bursar's office, the Lehman ID office, and the IT center. Photos of benches in other parts of Schuster were shared to indicate that it is possible to provide seating in the hallways
- 14) OPEN CAMPUS POLICY: Members had a brief discussion of an issue involving a campus intruder & the constitutional implications of securing the open campus against such intrusions. People were urged to attend the next General Faculty meeting on November 19, 3:30-5, to hear updates.
- 15) SENATE MEETING: Penny will be reporting on cafeteria issues and the Hanover Student Survey
- 16) NEXT MEETING DATE: Dec. 10, 2025, at 2.00 pm via Zoom.
- 17) ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm

Respectfully submitted, Penny Prince