

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

MINUTES OF CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 15, 2026

VIA ZOOM 2-2.58 pm

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 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, Penny Prince, Anne Pelisson, Di Wu, Melissa Deri, Charlotte Diehl.
- 3) COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Magaldi, Gabrielle Jackson, Daniel Schwartz, Christian Toro
- 4) VISITORS: Suzette Ramsunder, Director of Student Life and Denny Santos, Director, Compliance and Operations, Division of Student Affairs
- 5) PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of February 4, 2026 and March 4, 2026 were approved.
- 6) DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE BRIEFING: Suzette Ramsundar briefed committee members on available student services, as well as strategies for improving student awareness of those resources. This was an issue that emerged in the Student Experience Survey conducted by the Division of Student Affairs in the Fall 2025 semester. Facilities and services include: Orientations for up to 2000 students per year, Maintaining Student Life Building, which hosts 84 student clubs, food pantry, pool tables (indoor and outdoor), student government offices, interview dress supply. Maintaining a table at college recruitment events; producing brochures on services; training 15 student workers, maintaining webpage publicizing student activities at <https://clubs.lehman.edu/events>.
 - a. Suggestions for improving student awareness include:
 - i. Student volunteers speak for a few minutes to each class, both online and in person, (contact Suzette.Ramsundar@lehman.cuny.edu) especially semester start.
 - ii. Using video introductions for asynchronous courses
 - iii. Adding information to course syllabi, especially content on Lehman's Basic Needs Support program, the Student Support Services Program run by Dr. Jaye Jones, the Metro Cards program as well as on the Student Life Building.
 - iv. Weekend programming and access to Student Life Building are being considered. Currently opens M-Th 9-9, Fri 9-5
 - v. Additional services might be needed with opening of the new student dorm
 - vi. Committee to keep in touch with Suzette's office
- 7) FACILITIES REPORT: Charlotte reported on:
 - a. Carman Hall - Courtyard upgrades ongoing, work on stairs to balconies to be completed soon
 - b. Library entrance moved to concourse level during bridge work
 - c. Carman Hall – starting air conditioning system
 - d. Avoid activities on the quad at this time because of the construction on the campus bridge.
 - e. Gillet 204 – temperature outlets
 - f. Upcoming projects around campus

- i. Greenhouse upgrades
 - ii. B&G Landscaping
 - iii. Maintenance on Chillers
 - iv. Budget development for Campus and Facilities Division
 - v. Mobility technologies for visually impaired students being considered
 - vi. CUNY's plans to centralize B&G offices.
- 8) BIRD STRIKES: Melissa revisited issue of wildlife damage from campus buildings. New windows recognize this problem. But she wanted to know whether it would be possible to retrofit older windows with protection. NYC area organizations are willing to share expertise with us.
- 9) CAFETERIA COMMITTEE: Penny informed members that the Cafeteria Committee will meet next week.
- 10) BOOKSTORE RELOCATION: Penny asked for news about Bookstore patronage since its online relocation. Will reach out to the administration for update.
- 11) GRADUATION CEREMONIES: Denny Santos, Director, Compliance and Operations, Division of Student Affairs announced changes to graduation ceremonies to avoid bad weather and to shorten time demands. There will be 4 ceremonies on May 28th morning and afternoon, and on June 2nd morning and afternoon. All ceremonies will be indoors at the Center for Performing Arts.
- 12) NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be May 6 at 2:00.
- 13) ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:58pm

Sincerely, Penny