

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

MINUTES OF CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING SEPT 2, 2026

VIA ZOOM 2-2:45 pm

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: The Wednesday, Sept 2, 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, Oluwabusayomi S Owoaje, Sakib Uddin Shikder
- 4) PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Committee approved the Minutes of the May 6 meeting.
- 5) ALUMNI EMAIL BRIEFING UPDATE: Steve Castellano's update indicated that for retired faculty or faculty in the process of retiring, there is a form that HR provides in the retirement package, and faculty can ask to maintain campus email address. Steve will work on getting information on student alumni email practices.
- 6) FACILITIES REPORT: Charlotte Diehl's report:
 - a) Cafeteria opened on Aug. 24 after construction failure repairs
 - b) Near complete and completed projects:
 - i. Library windows
 - ii. Carman Hall plaza and stairs
 - iii. Music building work is nearing completion
 - iv. Upper bridge repairs complete and bridge is open
 - v. Lower bridge remains closed
 - c) Upcoming and new projects:
 - i. Performing Arts Center elevator out of order Monday for repair. Upcoming weekend event planners notified.
 - ii. Shuster HVAC replacement
 - iii. Shuster windows replacement still suspended
 - iv. Carman HVAC replacement
 - v. Carman elevators taken offline to fix water leak damage. The keyed elevator is now open, but users need a key. B&G will publicize where to obtain an elevator key once it is determined.
 - vi. A/C replacement planned
 - vii. Music building room 421 has been inspected by planning director
- 7) STUDENT DORM MEAL PLAN: Members asked for updates. Penny arranged for Director of Residence Life, Kiana Bonner, to visit the next meeting to brief.
- 8) PARKING LOT FEE INCREASE AND USE: V.P. Bethania Ortega responded to committee inquiry about parking fee increase. The rationale is that there has not been an increase in 10 years, and an increase is needed to cover repairs and maintenance, such as fencing, which must be undertaken. Members still have concerns because even though people are paying for parking, for example in the Paul Avenue lot, they are not guaranteed a spot, so there are days, such as event days, when those

who've paid the \$350. are told they cannot park there. Can visitors and workers be told to park in the Goulden Avenue lot instead?

9) MEETING TIMES AND LOCATION: Will continue to meet on senate days by zoom - upcoming meetings are Oct. 7, Nov 4, and Dec. 2

10) NEXT MEETING: Oct. 7, 2006, 2:00 pm on Zoom.

11) ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2.45 pm

Submitted, Penny Prince