

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

April 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES (v2, approved)  
Via Zoom, 2:00 to 2:40 pm, Wednesday, April 26, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER. The Wednesday, April 26, 2023 meeting of the Lehman College Campus Life and Facilities Committee was called to order at 2:05 pm by committee chair, John Ongley. The meeting was held online via Zoom.

II. COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT. Director of Campus Planning and Facilities Robin Auchincloss, Prof. Carole Baraldi, Prof. Kofi Benefo, Prof. Christine Neumayer, Prof. John Ongley, Prof. Penny Prince, and student members Aziza Busby and Maria Contreras.

III. FACILITIES REPORT – SELECT CAPITAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS, by Robin Auchincloss, Director, Campus Planning and Facilities.

1. CARMAN LECTURE HALLS. Renovation of Carman Lecture Hall B34 is scheduled to be completed before the start of the Fall 2023 semester. When it is completed and back in service, B36 will go offline for renovation. Renovation includes all new seats, flooring and lights.

2. THE NEW NURSING BUILDING (NERPC, The NURSING EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE CENTER). Mechanical, electrical, and finish work is in progress. In Fall 2023 semester, the building is scheduled to be finished and the Nursing Department will move into the building. In Spring term 2024, classes will be held in the building.

3. THE EMERGENCY POWER PROJECT. Carman and Davis Hall data shutdowns were completed over Spring break.

4. APEX PLAZA. Restoration of the APEX Plaza, to include reroofing to fix leaks, will start in May. Graduates will enter Gate 6 during commencement instead of Gate 7. Plaza replacement work will start in May.

MEETING COMMENT: A member of the Student Government had noted to the committee that the Gazebo at the south end of the campus was moldy and asked if Facilities could clean it so people could hang out there. Robin told the committee member reporting this to submit a work order about it and the Gazebo would get cleaned.

IV. REPORT BY GABRIELLA KOHLER, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES. Gabriella Kohler was invited to the committee meeting by committee member Aziza Busby to describe some of the limitations to accessibility on the Lehman Campus that Aziza had heard her describe at an earlier Senate meeting. Gabriella's examples were convincing evidence of essential areas of campus lacking complete accessibility to people using wheelchairs.

Seeking to maintain a connection between the CL&F committee and EIAAR (the Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Anti-Racism Senate Standing Committee, of which Gabriella is a member), Gabriella invited the CL&F committee to have one of its members take a campus tour with her, inspecting parts of the campus for accessibility and in general help maintain communication between the two committees. Aziza Busby and/or John Ongley will try to fill that role for the CL&F committee.

V. OLD BUSINESS. Progress being made by Marvin Smith and the food vendor selection committee was discussed. Proposals are being reviewed and campus walk-throughs with prospective food vendors have been taking place.

VI. NEW BUSINESS. Penny Prince has several students who have had difficulty contacting Financial Aid. Here is the problem, as stated by Financial Aid itself:

“From the Financial Aid Coordinator:

You can now get immediate assistance with a live Financial Aid advisor on our Chatbot. Just visit our website and click on the Lehman Lightning Chatbot on the lower right-hand corner of the home page.

Thank you for your email. Due to extremely high volume of inquiries, it may take at least 10 Business Days for me to reply to your email. Please remember to include your Full Name, EMPLID and provide as much detail as possible into one email.”

IT now does something similar.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT. Richard Finger, interim vice president of Enrollment Management has said that he will have an online Town Hall describing all the things the division of enrollment management does to sustain enrollment at Lehman College.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

John Ongley  
Wednesday, April 26, 2023