

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

November 30, 2022 MEETING MINUTES (Approved)  
Via Zoom, 2:00-3:00 pm, Wednesday, November 30, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER. John Ongley (chair) called the November 30, 2022 meeting of the Lehman College Senate Campus Life and Facilities Committee to order at 2 pm. The meeting was held online via Zoom.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT. Ms. Robin Auchincloss, Prof. Carole Baraldi, Prof. Kofi Benefo, Prof. Christine Neumayer, Prof. John Ongley, Prof. Penny Prince, Prof. Maurice Vann, and student members Aziza Busby, Jazmin Naranjo, and Emani Rashid.

OTHER MEETING ATTENDEES: Mary Phillips and Takiyah Ali, co-chairs of the new Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Anti-Racism Senate Standing Committee.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2022 MINUTES. Minutes of the previous (Nov 3) committee meeting had not yet been prepared and circulated to committee members and so were not approved at the meeting.

III. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS. FACILITIES REPORT by Robin Auchincloss, director of facilities.

1. Construction will be starting on renovation of Carman Hall B34 the week of Dec 5 2022. There will be a work area enclosure in the corridor outside of CA B34.
2. Emergency Power Project, Shuster Exterior – Excavation has been completed at the lawn area east of Shuster. This work is related to an emergency power service upgrade for buildings across the south end of campus. A new emergency generators was successfully installed at Speech and Theater.
3. The New Nursing Building (NERPC) – The installation of exterior masonry and cladding panels is nearing completion. Temporary heat will be provided so that interior work can continue through the winter.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

The main campus cafeteria, in the Music building, is now open weekdays and with plans to be open for more hours Spring semester. The vender has been hired through an extension of their Hunter College contract. The long and complicated process of opening the bidding for long-term contracts with Lehman College will begin next term.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

1. BYLAWS. At the request of the Governance Committee, Campus Life and Facilities examined the section in the Senate Bylaws that described the committee’s duties, Article IV, Section 13, looking for any needed corrections to it. Among its other duties, the Bylaws state that the committee is to advise the Senate on the delivery of services to students, including financial aid and personal counseling. While examining the lists of duties, which several current problems students are having in regard to this last two issues were raised. No corrections to the Bylaws section seemed needed to the committee at this time. However, the committee is seeking clarification at this time as to how it (the committee) might help students with financial aid problems and their counseling needs.
2. FINANCIAL AID. Several people at the meeting reported that as of November 30, many students had not yet received their financial aid or scholarship money, and that they further had difficulty contacting

financial aid to discuss the matter. While Financial Aid has office hours M-Th 9-5 and Friday 9-3, students report that it is difficult to contact them online or by phone.

3. REGISTRATION. While the Registrar is open M-F 9-5 and Tues 9-6, students are still finding it difficult to register. Even contacting the appropriate office is difficult. It is thought by the committee that these offices should be open more hours and easier to contact in person, by phone, or online.

4. COMMITTEE EFFECTIVENESS. John Ongley is to contact Senate Chair, Joseph Fera, to ask how the committee can effectively determine or influence policy.

Penny Prince suggested looking at past CL&F committee minutes to see if and how they had managed to influence college affairs.

5. COMMITTEE COLLABORATION. Mary Phillips and Takiyah Ali, co-chairs of the new senate Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Anti-Racism standing committee, came to the meeting to propose a collaboration between the their committee and Campus Life.

The possibility of having the following improvements made on campus for students was discussed:

- a. a place where students can nap
- b. better access to food
- c. a kitchen on campus where meals can be cooked by students
- d. a place where students can pray
- e. hydroponic farming

Most of these goals were suggested by students themselves.

#### FURTHER POINTS RAISED

f. Space where students can rest would be a first step in helping homeless students, by giving them a place on campus where they can get some sleep. The locations for lounging and meditation options were reviewed.

\*g. The location of the food pantry need publicizing – it is on the first floor of the student life building.

h. It was suggested that the location of the food pantry should be put on the class syllabus. It was further suggested that this fact should be repeated at the College Senate meeting.

i. Hydroponic farming would require a greenhouse. Robin Auchincloss noted that the campus has greenhouses used for research at the Science Building and Davis Hall.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. After going over these possibilities, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.

John Ongley, December 2, 2022