

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of Campus Life and Facilities Committee Meeting May 1, 2024

Via Zoom, 2:05-2:36pm

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Wednesday, May 1, 2024 meeting of the Lehman College Campus Life and Facilities Committee was called to order at 2:05 pm by committee chair, Kofi Benefo. The meeting was held online via Zoom.
2. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Drs. Carole Baraldi, Di Wu, Penny Prince, Robin Auchincloss, Kofi Benefo; Student Marquees Hargett
3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT : Dr. Christine Neumayer; Students Ashley Brown and Naonmy Hidalgo
4. GUESTS PRESENT: VICE PRESIDENT Rene Rotolo.
5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of March 27 were approved.
6. VICE-PRESIDENT RENE ROTOLO: Our special guest, Rene Rotolo, explained her efforts to monitor how the current Cafeteria Vendor is doing. She'd arranged a meeting with students and the vendor to discuss and taste various vegan and Halal options on April 16. Prices are the main concern of students and staff, even though research shows the prices outside the campus are not much lower. VP Rotolo suggested that we continue to collaborate with current vendor, who appears to be very responsive, for at least another year. But she thought we needed to find a way to get our concerns to the vendor. For that reason, she will convene a Cafeteria Committee to meet regularly. Carole and Penny volunteered to participate.

The following CAFETERIA suggestions were also brought up at meeting:

- a) More variety and availability of food, i.e.: more fresh salad, more abundance of Burrito Bowl ingredients, choices of vegan and Halal and vegetarian options
- b) Better and more consistent hours of operation: 8am-7pm, at least and better publicity for those hours. Current hours are Carman Café M-T 8am-6:30pm, F 8-3, Harmony Café M-TH 7:30am-7pm, F 7:30am-5pm and MU underground Cafeteria M-TH 9am-6pm and F 9am-3pm
- c) Reduced portions to allay high costs
- d) Daily special offers as promised previously.

7. SECOND ELEVATOR IN MUSIC BUILDING: Second Elevator in Music Building has been added to the Capital Projects Priority List but will take some time to actualize. Meanwhile, VP Rotolo believed that some of the problems with current elevator stem from poorly supervised use by high school students. The VP has directed high school program using elevator on management of student use.

8. ROBIN'S REPORT: Robin provided construction project highlights.

- a) APEX PLAZA – The detour around the trellis walkway that runs between Science and APEX will be opened week of 5/6/24. There will be a different detour in place while the contractor replaces pavers directly in front of the entrance doors to APEX: Side lobby doors will be used for entry and egress instead. Detour signs will point to these doors.
- b) CARMAN LECTURE HALL – Renovation of Carman B39 scheduled to be completed by June 2024.

- c) MUSIC CHIMNEY RESTORATION – Restoration scheduled to be completed fall 2024.
- d) NEW PROJECTS – New projects scheduled to start in the next 6 months include roof replacements at Davis and Gillet and envelope/window repairs at Fine Arts and Shuster Hall.
9. APEX EXERCISE EQUIPMENT: Student concerns about exercise equipment in Apex were raised. The concerns include the need for better and more barbells, and weights, as well as a Boxing Bag for therapeutic conditioning in the Cardio Room. Robin will relay concerns to the Athletics Department.
10. APRIL 3 SENATE MEETING REPORT: Penny provided update on report at April 3 senate meeting. Discussed cafeteria and Music Building elevator problems. After meeting, Penny communicated with Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Anti-Racism Committee, which had expressed interest in the Music Building's elevator problems but never heard back.
11. LIGHTING IN MUSIC BUILDING 306: Need for revamped lighting in the Music 306 Recital hall. Electricians /Maintenance worked at Recital hall over spring break and replaced light fixtures, but there are still some issues. Project has been placed on capital list. Robin is working on best options to obtain quotes for lighting/AV upgrade to request capital funding. Wanted to know best point(s) of contact if input for funding proposal needed.
12. NEXT MEETING: Sept. 11, 2024 Wednesday, 2-3 before senate, on zoom.
13. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 2.36 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Penny Prince