

CAMPUS LIFE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE

Minutes of Campus Life and Facilities Committee Meeting OCT 9, 2024

Via Zoom, 2:05-2:36pm

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Wednesday, Oct 9, 2024 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, Chair, Robin Auchincloss, Di Wu, Penny Prince, Wilmary Dickson
3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Magaldi-Dopman, Alex Bux(Alex has a teaching conflict)
We are awaiting the election of two student members and another faculty member to the committee.
4. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Welcomed new member Wilmary.
5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Approval of Sept. 11, 2024 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved but require a quorum of 6 or more to vote upon.
6. COMMITTEE CHAIR AND SECRETARY ELECTIONS: Committee postponed elections till quorum (6 or more present) can be obtained
7. CAFETERIA UPDATE: Committee members pointed to the need for healthier options such as fresh sandwich and salad making in the cafeteria: turkey sandwiches without cheese, less sugar foods for diabetic customers, and additional varieties of soup.
8. COLLEGE CAFETERIA COMMITTEE: Penny, who is a member of the College Cafeteria Committee, noted that the cafeteria committee is looking for a member. Some CL&F committee members were interested but wanted more information about meeting times. Penny promised to find more information. .
9. CAMPUS SOAP DISPENSERS: Committee members raised some concerns about the regularity with which soap dispensers are filled on campus. Robin noted that multi-stall bathrooms are checked at least once a day. She also pointed out that problems may be because the college recently changed soap dispenser vendors. In any case if there is a particular bathroom or dispenser not being addressed Robin suggests writing to BUILDINGS.GROUNDS@lehman.cuny.edu.
10. ROBIN'S REPORT: Robin's report on construction projects highlighted:
 - a. MUSIC CHIMNEY RESTORATION – Restoration scheduled to be completed this fall 2024.
 - b. NEW PROJECTS – New projects scheduled to start in the next 6 months include the DAVIS ROOF REPLACEMENT and the SHUSTER WINDOW REPLACEMENT.
10. ELIN WARING'S CONCERNS: Prof. Waring brought several issues to our committee about traffic/bike lanes/crosswalks/solar panels canopies in the parking lots on Goulden Avenue. Committee's discussion follows below.
 - a. Signage at bike lane near entry to faculty lot – Elin raised safety concerns about turning from faculty parking lot because of bikes passing on the right. She requested some signage to warn bikes and cars of drivers exiting lot. Robin indicated that bikes and pedestrians have right of way so any signage

would have to be for drivers exiting the lot. Robin will review signage options and report back to committee.

b. Crosswalk from faculty lot to gate 5 – Elin requested a crosswalk across Goulden Avenue to increase safety. Robin pointed out that a request to city for a crosswalk at that location is unlikely to be successful. Lehman requested such a crosswalk from NYC DOT and DOT refused to install a crosswalk across Goulden Avenue between Bedford Park Boulevard West and West 197th Street. NYC DOT only relented when request was made by the Department of Education for the High School of American Studies - and installed an additional light/crosswalk between area near entrance to HSAS and Gate 6 entry to Lehman. NYC DOT will likely not permit an additional crosswalk.

c. Solar canopy at parking lot – Elin requested a solar canopy in the parking lot to provide shade, lighting and solar power. Robin pointed out that NYPA and CUNY have done significant design/project budgeting to determine if solar canopies were feasible at the Lehman faculty and student lots. After a year of investigation it was determined that based on NYS incentive programs available and clearances required from the reservoir, that even with the cost benefit of a battery system, the canopies were not cost effective at Lehman.

11. SENATE PRESENTATION: Penny will report at the senate that committee discussed Elin Waring's concerns, and will respond to her soon. She will note that committee is still unhappy with the cafeteria selections and prices.

12. ASHMINI HALL'S SURVEY ABOUT FOOD INSECURITY : Ashmini Hall, Director of the Division of Student Affairs, is conducting a survey on barriers to accessing and utilizing campus food resources among students. Kofi promised to forward Ashmini's call for volunteer participants with committee members to distribute to any students they have access to. Wilmary pointed out that she had received the call for volunteers but had been confused because it requested her email and did not provide access to a survey. Kofi promised to inform Ashmini of Wilmary's problems with the survey. Committee was informed that Penny asked Ashmini to share her findings when available and she agreed.

13. NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2-3 on zoom. We encourage all members to be present for this IMPORTANT MEETING.

14. ADJOURNMENT: meeting ended at 2.36 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted, Penny Prince