

Civil Engineering Committee Meeting

Meeting Time: 10:30 to 11:30 am on Friday, October 3, 2025

Meeting Place: via Zoom at <https://washington.zoom.us/j/96373118288> or MLG 306

Civil Engineering Committee:

Voting members: Nara Almeida (2.6), Lorne Arnold (10.3), Joel Baker, Emese Hadnagy (9.18), Angela Kitali (4.3), Jeffrey Walters (12.5)

Non-voting members: Julie Palumbo (1.9), Kira King (3.6), Noelle Wilson (5.8), Brandy Featherstone (11.7), Aubree Steffens

Agenda Items

1. **Approval of meeting minutes** from September 18, 2025
 - a. Emese moved, Lorne seconded. Approved: 5/6 (abstained: Jeff Walters absent)
2. **Academic advising team updates**
 - . Civil application target launch late December
 - a. Mechanical and civil visitation days (Jan 16th; lab tours).
 - b. 12 SET direct students are anticipated to enter the major in A26
3. **CE laboratory manager updates**
 - . New equipment being unboxed and installed
4. **Existing and potential external partnerships**
 - . The City of Tacoma Engineering Fellowship was recently renamed the Strickland Fellowship for Career Pathways.
- i. 13 AY25-26 Fellows: 6 civil, 4 mechanical, 3 electrical
 - a. ASCE Tacoma/Olympia interest in more UWT engagement. Lorne can suggest participation in FE exam review (spring quarter) and Ports seminar (winter quarter).
 - b. Maritime 253 Skills Center → will open in autumn 2026
- . Not a high school but career and tech education skills center focused on maritime trades
- i. They are interested in collaborating with UWT to create pathways for students to UWT
- ii. Some ideas that UWT is considering: UWT faculty teaching their students (college in the classroom), teaching some of our courses (for our students) in their facilities
5. **MSCE PNOI update** from Jeff → UWT APCC approved the most recent changes to the PNOI (i.e. degree name change to MS in Civil Engineering and indicating the certificate specializations as focus areas. The EVCAA is currently reviewing the PNOI with his team.
6. **Any other updates**
 - . None