

Civil Engineering Committee Meeting

Meeting Time: 9:15 to 10:15 am on Friday, May 8, 2026

Meeting Place: via Zoom at <https://washington.zoom.us/j/96726043830> or MLG 306

Civil Engineering Committee:

Voting members present: 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 present: Julie Palumbo (1.9), Kira King (3.6), Brandy Featherstone (11.7), Noelle Wilson (5.8), Aubree Steffens

Agenda Items & Meeting Minutes

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1. **Approval of meeting minutes** from April 3, 2026
 - a. EH moved, LA seconded. Approved: 5__/6 (0 abstained: 1__ absent)
2. **Academic advising team updates**
 - a. SET Direct: 10 CE students have either confirmed SET Direct or confirmed UW Tacoma. This will mean a full CE SET Direct cohort.
 - b. Junior Cohort: 52 applications submitted to date; 27 offers; 24 students confirmed offers.
 - i. Likely to confirm after Seattle releases their final offers
 - c. Seniors: all were notified of the electives and have recommendations in their MyPlan. Registration has begun for Autumn this week.
 - d. Strickland: initial offers were released for competitive applicants and Juniors. Have space for 3 additional freshman and 1 sophomore- interviews for those slots will happen in July.
3. **CE laboratory manager updates**
 - a. Incident happened in SET being investigated by EH&S and Campus Safety; Raj will receive a report and send report to Dean with recommendations
 - b. Recommendations may include changes to process and approvals related to student projects, access to materials, etc.
4. **CE program updates:**
 - a. Course offerings - Foundation Design in the Fall (Lorne)

- b. We need to offer our Reinforced Concrete elective (I believe registration started yesterday?), given the capstone project on the Big Beam Competition. Maybe Nara or Jeff could teach that, given our budget constraints (Tim won't be able to teach it)?
- c. Emese will call a meeting before summer to discuss curriculum and ABET and talk about electives for winter and spring 2027
- d. Students start capstone in winter and might be learning as they go if concrete not offered in autumn

5. Any other updates

- a. Question: Are either CE representatives on the Faculty council ending their term this quarter? If so, please work on replacement and notify the Faculty council chair and copy Aubree. Thank you (Aubree)
- b. Order of the Engineers Ring - all in favor?
 - i. Nara will start the process and come up with plan B for this year
 - ii. Ring \$12 each
 - 1. There is a ceremony and relates to story of bridge
 - iii. There is a gift fund that may run out and it isn't clear how much is in the fund or how to get access to information about available funds
- c. ASCE Dinner with Seniors: confirmed on May 28th, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM **(25 Seniors, 8 industry advisors, 7 UWT Faculty members, and 10 to 15 advisory board members. If we have 15 or 25 ASCE members coming, we already reach 70 to 80 people total.**
- d. Master's Update: need to provide some updated rationale regarding changes that were made to the program (increased number of credits in certificates); rationale for enrollment update; responding to questions about staffing levels