

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1533**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Clarification of the College of Engineering Computer Requirements**

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**WHEREAS**, the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering is one of the largest colleges at the University of Florida, with over 10,000 enrolled students as of Fall 2023 [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, engineering coursework often requires the use of personal computers to run various programs, such as 3D modeling applications and coding software; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering has specific minimum hardware requirements for student computers outlined on their website, including processor, memory, hard disk, and video card requirements [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, this website does not provide examples of computers that fit the aforementioned requirements, placing a burden on students to find a computer that meets these requirements within their personal budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, computer hardware may be difficult for students to understand, leading to students purchasing a computer that may negatively impact their capability to run various programs [3], ; and,

**WHEREAS**, personal computers can cost hundreds of dollars [4], making it difficult for students to purchase multiple devices to meet the requirements of the College of Engineering and perform coursework essential to their time at the University of Florida; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need for computers that are sufficient for students to complete their relevant coursework throughout their academic career; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of providing students with as much information as possible to ensure that students make informed financial decisions about purchasing computers; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate calls for the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering computer requirements website to be updated with recommendations for hardware-compliant computers of different price ranges.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Associate Director of IT Shawn C. Lander, Office of Student Transition and Retention Director Stephen Roberts, Director of Advising Janna Underhill, Director of Student Development and First Year Advising Deborah Mayhew*

[1] <https://ir.aa.ufl.edu/facts/enrollment/>

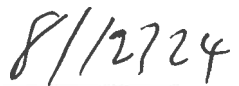
[2] <https://www.eng.ufl.edu/students/advising/fall-semester-checklist/computer-requirements/#:~:text=The%20Herbert%20Wertheim%20College%20of,of%20mobile%20computers%20for%20coursework.>

[3] <https://www.comptia.org/blog/os-comparison>

[4] <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/laptop-computers/all-laptops/pcmcat138500050001.c?id=pcmcat138500050001>



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