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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1171

TITLE: Resolution in Support of the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Center for Experiential Learning Website

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WHEREAS, students in the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering compose roughly 20% of the University of Florida's student body [1]; and, WHEREAS, the University of Florida provides general career support through its centralized Career Connections Center (C3) [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the large amount of engineering students have distinct professional development needs that include access to engineering-specific research opportunities, resume building skills, and involvement opportunities aligned with industry expectations; and,

WHEREAS, although there are STEM pathway-specific C3 staff who provide students with engineering professional development resources, there is still the need for the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Center for Experiential Learning to further provide engineering professional development opportunities to support the specialized needs of engineering students [3]; and,

WHEREAS, a centralized professional development platform would support UF's mission of preparing students for meaningful careers and meeting the university's Strategic Plan for enhancing career readiness [4]; and,

WHEREAS, the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Center for Experiential Learning is aware of the need for this resource and is creating an engineering specific professional development and involvement website, led by Dr. Sarah Furtney; and,

WHEREAS, the updated website encompasses resources that are not currently provided on the C3 website, such as filtering within engineering and technology specific organizations, engineering specific safety education, industry connect events for engineering departments, and engineering specific frequently asked questions; and,

WHEREAS, this new website emphasizes promoting engineering students' professional development and involvement within their major, providing sources that are able to serve students from across the 15 different engineering specializations; then,

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THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering and Center for Experiential Learning in their creation of the new website, as well as incorporating student voices into the development of this.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Center for Experiential Learning's mission to collaborate with engineering student liaisons to continue this initiative effectively and in a way that reflects the interests of students.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the partnership of the Student Senate with the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Center for Experiential Learning and Dr. Sarah Furtney in order to inform students on resources available to them and promote the usage of the updated website.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the University of Florida Associate Dean for Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering Student Affairs, Pamela Dickrell and University of Florida Director for Experiential Learning and Instructional Associate Professor, Dr. Sarah Furtney.

- [1] https://www.eng.ufl.edu/about/accolades-facts-figures/
- [2] https://career.ufl.edu/
- [3] https://career.ufl.edu/meet-the-team/
- [4] https://career.ufl.edu/about/strategic-core/

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