WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY
Engineering, Applied Science & Technology

Thu, October 2, 2025
RE: ABET Review of Computer Engineering

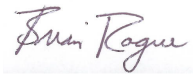
To: Faculty Senate Executive Committee:

On behalf of Weber State University College of Engineering, Applied Sciences & Technology (EAST), it is a pleasure to write this letter in support of Computer Engineering (CE) as evaluated by ABET in the 2024 accreditation visits. Thank you to the ABET teams and to the CE team, especially Dr. Fon Brown, department chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The visit was generally very positive citing EAST faculty practical industry and government experience as an institutional strength, and highlighting the graduation of six CE majors during the 2023-24 academic year. The visiting committee noted one weakness and one concern – corresponding to lab personnel support. With the responses of the department this spring the program has successfully completed review until the next accreditation visit commencing Fall 2030 as outlined in the ABET Final Statement. Also, the dean's commitment to providing sufficient technical staff for CE lab support to supplement and ultimately offload faculty lab maintenance responsibilities will mitigate the single ABET concern (which did not require immediate resolution as it is a lower status ABET critique of the department) so that it does not escalate into a future weakness.

The reported "weakness" resolved in the 30-Day Due-Process Response was sufficiently adhering to safety concerns in the laboratories, primarily safety signage and accessibility to personal protective equipment (PPE). The program addressed this weakness by providing visual evidence of safety measures and the college is committed to sustaining proper safety signage and PPE for classrooms and labs going forward.

As referenced above, the "concern" focused on ensuring adequate technical staff to maintain and administer labs. In August 2025, the program hired a laboratory manager who is rapidly taking on more responsibilities through training. This has been reported to the ABET review team. Although guaranteeing new staff or faculty positions is challenging during this time of budget cuts and reorganization, addressing ongoing department/program needs for lab personnel will be examined and can be resolved with a combination of efficiency assessment and possibly additional student or staff personnel.

Sincerely,



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