<p align="center">**ESTC Minutes**</p>
<p align="center">*Engineering Student Technology Committee*</p>
<p align="center">February 17, 2026</p>
<p align="center">3-4pm Scott 203 & Teams</p>

Present:
ATS : Nick Mesa, ~~Spencer Jones~~, ~~Prof. Maria Rugenstein~~
CEE : ~~Alex Johnson~~, Prof. Ryan Smith
ECE : ~~Vosidjon Abduvahobov~~, ~~Natalie Ingegneri~~, ~~Prof. Ali Pezeshki~~
ME : Tessa Bailey, Shane Sisler, Mayank Mate, Prof. Bonnie Roberts
SE : ~~Tillie Pinkowitz~~, Dixie Poteet, ~~Prof. Steve Conrad~~
SBCE : Soumik Ghosh, Santiago Zimbron-Leon, Prof. David Wang
Ex-Officio : Kelley Branson (ETS), ~~Prof. Sam Bechara~~ (Assoc. Dean for Undergraduate Affairs)
Guests : Nick Stratton (ETS), Travis Rogers (ETS), Nick Stratton (ETS)

Old Business & Welcome

Welcome

Meeting called to order by Soumik. Sign-in sheet passed around.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the February 10, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved. This will be posted to the ESTC website by Kelley. These and other ETSC documents are available to ESTC members at the following:
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If you are unable to get into this drive space, let Kelley know.

Unfilled Positions

> SBCE undergrad
> CEE undergrad
> CEE grad
> ECE grad

New Business

Current State of the CFT Account (2591300)

As a reminder, the CFT account is DIFFERENT than the budgets we create. The budget for a given year is a roadmap of how the different entities are allowed to spend out of the account.

Travis sent the account summaries for the department allocations today. Kelley will follow them up with an email reminder of the deadline for spending/encumbering/carry-over reporting of March 10.

At the time of this meeting, the account had about $599K left plus $75K in a reserve account. This includes encumbrances. Kelley will be entering the Spring Semester enrollment numbers before the next meeting.

Budget work

Kelley gave an update of updates made to the budget since we met last. Most of the software has come in, cost of a Labs computer was increased and some server maintenance was also paid for which guides this FY27 budget.

- Computer Lab Equipment
     Nick presented what we currently have and is in the budget.
     Motion made and unanimously passed.

- Computer Lab Equipment Maintenance
     Nick and Kelley presented.
     Motion made and unanimously passed.

- Computer Lab Furniture
     This line item acrues until furniture needs replacement. Nothing this year.
     Motion made and unanimously passed.

- Server Equipment Replacement
     Kelley noted we have replaced two Linux Compute servers so far this year and ETS will replace half of either the VCL or Windows Compute Servers this spring. Everything is on track.
     Motion made and unanimously passed.

- Network Equipment Replacement
     No changes.
     Motion made and unanimously passed.

- Server Maintenance
     Kelley showed the maintenance items that have come in. The biggest update is that we will begin paying for our backup of the storage servers. We've had a free ride for about five years. The new value was entered into the budget.
     Motion made and unanimously passed.

- Loaner Pool
     Kelley noted that Lisa Metz is going through the loaner pools at Foothills and in Engineering 102. We do not expect any changes to the budget sheet.

Motion made and unanimously passed.

- Staff & Student Wages
  Kelley explained that we increase our student wages when Increases in minimum wage occur. We pay more with step increases to get the best student employees in ETS.
  Motion made and unanimously passed.

- Software
  Kelley showed which softwares have posted. We pay for Microsoft products differently and methods are still being figured out. Total Microsoft billing to the CFT account was less this year.
  Motion made and unanimously passed.

- I2P Lab
  No changes.
  Motion made and unanimously passed.

- Drone Center AeroLab
  This is a new $5,000 annual allottment approved by last year's ESTC.
  Motion made and unanimously passed.

Line items remaining:
  - Department Allottments

Upcoming Meetings
All 3-4pm in Scott 203 (and Teams by request)

- March 3 - cancelled
- March 10
- April 7
- April 21

Meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.
Respectfully submitted by Nick Mesa and Kelley Branson