



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: T. Chris Riley-Tillman, Provost and Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: Extend BS in Computer Engineering to Everett

DATE: December 10, 2025

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The attached proposal from the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture (VCEA) to extend the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Computer Science program to the WSU Everett campus has been reviewed by the Provost's Office and our internal review committee.

The field of computer science provides a scientific foundation for computing concepts, mathematics, and sciences, combined with hands-on project experience to prepare graduates for careers requiring advanced computing skills. The Seattle region is home to major technology employers, including Amazon, Microsoft, Boeing, and T-Mobile, as well as numerous startups, creating significant opportunities for internships, research collaborations, and employment for graduates. The recent CHIPS and Science Act has further accelerated growth in the semiconductor industry, increasing demand for skilled professionals. Expanding the program to Everett aligns WSU with national priorities in technological innovation and economic development.

The Provost's Office and its internal review committee conducted three reviews of the proposal and supporting materials. The committee's feedback focused on instructional costs, tuition revenue, and enrollment projections and had particular concerns about the relatively low headcount at Everett, the campus's tuition waiver policy, and increased instructor workload. Responses from the college and campus addressing these concerns are included in the attached package.

The Provost's Office has completed the requisite review steps and is forwarding the proposal to the Faculty Senate for its review process.