

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA

COMMITTEE: Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life

ITEM: Request Approval for the Reorganization of the College of Science, Engineering & Technology (COSET) and Planning Notification for Proposed New Engineering Degree Programs

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

Approval is requested for the reorganization of COSET, which proposes creating 4 new engineering departments for 2026 as follows: Electrical Engineering & Computer Science (EECS), Civil Engineering & Transportation Studies (CETS), Chemical Engineering & Environmental Toxicology (ChEET), and Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering (AME). The Biology, Chemistry, Mathematical Sciences, and Physics departments remain intact in the reorganization, totaling 8 COSET academic departments.

Accelerates the growth, expansion, and credibility of engineering at TSU; leverages the college's current strengths to create four engineering departments that will be representative of a true engineering footprint within COSET; enhances marketability, promotes the engineering brand, and aides in the recruitment of potential faculty, students, and industrial partners; no changes in curricula, courses, or degree programs. 6 new BS engineering degree programs in aerospace, mechanical, electrical, computer, chemical, and environmental are proposed for fall 2026 or spring 2027; 1 new MS engineering degree program (with concentration in electrical, computer, civil, etc.) is proposed for fall 2026 or spring 2027. A key component of the COSET growth/development plan includes increasing the number of engineering programs consistent with the workforce needs of local sectors; currently, only two ABET-accredited BS degree programs exist (CE and ECE); lower-level engineering courses are already being taught; funding has been allocated for new faculty.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: PowerPoint Presentation

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE | BOA0001673

ACTION REQUESTED: Administration recommends approval of this item

Legal Certification: Based on available information to date, this action item and its implementation will not be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law, or regulation.



GENERAL COUNSEL

02/11/2026

DATE

Fiscal Certification: This fiscal note shown above details the true and actual positive or negative fiscal effect that implementation of this proposal will achieve.


John Pittman (Feb 9, 2026 15:49:36 CST)

INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

02/09/2026

DATE


Dr. John W. Jackson

PRESIDENT

02/13/2026

DATE