

**University at Buffalo Faculty Senate** **Resolution 2026.4.21.1**  
**Resolution Regarding the Change of the Name of the Department of Electrical Engineering to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Originating Committee: Academic Planning and Assessment

Date Forwarded by FSEC to Senate: 4/14/26

Date of First Reading: 4/21/26

Date of Second Reading: 4/28/2026

Action at Second Reading: Passed (Yea: 56, Nay: 1)

WHEREAS The Department of Electrical Engineering (EE) in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) requests a change in its name from the Department of Electrical Engineering (EE) to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) in order to better reflect its present research and teaching practice and to align itself with peer institutions

WHEREAS The name change will facilitate recruitment of students and faculty and is attractive to industry

WHEREAS The Electrical Engineering BS Program includes considerable Computer Engineering content

WHEREAS the Computer Engineering BS program in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) includes three EE courses as part of its required curriculum

WHEREAS there is projected development through Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and Engineering of a Masters degree in Computer Engineering (CEN)

WHEREAS The Faculty of Electrical Engineering voted on December 1, 2025, 27 in favor, none opposed to change the Department name

WHEREAS The Faculty of SEAS voted on December 9, 2025, 111 in favor and 40 opposing the name change (73.5%)

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate Academic Planning & Assessment Committee met with Dean Kemper Lewis of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Professor Nicholas Mastronarde, Chair of Electrical Engineering, on February 13, 2026, and reviewed their presentation. Both Dean Lewis and Chair Mastronarde advocated the name change and explained issues of resistance on the part of some faculty in SEAS

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate Academic Planning & Assessment Committee voted unanimously to approve the name change of Electrical Engineering to Electrical and Computer Engineering

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Electrical Engineering change its title to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.