A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE REALLOCATION OF COMPUTING RESOURCES ON MICHIGAN’S CENTRAL CAMPUS TO CREATE EXTRA CAEN ENVIRONMENTS FOR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS

WHEREAS, The University of Michigan Computer Aided Engineering Network (CAEN) provides computing environments to engineering students that are used frequently for engineering coursework, research, and project teams; AND

WHEREAS, Access to CAEN computing environments near to one’s home is convenient and highly desired by College of Engineering students; AND

WHEREAS, Access to CAEN computing environments is essential to the success of many students in the College of Engineering; AND

WHEREAS, A recent survey conducted by Engineering Student Government found that 57% of College of Engineering students choose to live on Michigan’s Central Campus, totaling an estimated 5,100 students; AND

WHEREAS, There are 811 CAEN computing environments on North Campus but only 89 CAEN computing environments on Central Campus (an estimated one per 57 engineering students living on Central Campus); AND

WHEREAS, Usage statistics of these 89 computing environments show they have over significantly higher average usage than environments on North Campus; AND

WHEREAS, It can be inconvenient and implausible for students living on Central Campus to commute to North Campus in order to use a CAEN computer, and transit times are often 30 minutes to an hour for a round trip to North Campus; AND

WHEREAS, There is a precedent for the transition of computers run by the University of Michigan Information and Technology Services (ITS) department into CAEN computing environments; AND

WHEREAS, There is no cost associated with the transition of ITS computers to CAEN computing environments, and CAEN has trained staff that will perform this transition during normal business hours; AND

1 http://bit.ly/1OrJn9C
2 http://caen.engin.umich.edu/computers/search
3 Interview with Mark Giuffrida, CAEN Director
4 Ibid
WHEREAS, Engineering Student Government has passed a resolution in support of the transition of 40 ITS computing environments on Central Campus to CAEN computing environments; AND

WHEREAS, The CAEN administration has expressed their support of this resolution and will engage ITS to enable the action of this resolution⁶; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That Central Student Government (CSG) supports the transition of 40 additional ITS computers to CAEN computing environments on Central Campus; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That Central Student Government (CSG) strongly suggests these additional CAEN computing environments be distributed throughout the Angell Hall Computing Site, the Shapiro Undergraduate Library Computing Site, and the Michigan Union; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the CSG will report the passage of this resolution to the CAEN administration to encourage the timely transition of these computing environments.

⁵ ibid
⁶ Interview with Mark Giuffrida, CAEN Director, and Dan Maletta, Executive Director of Information Technology, COE
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