Senate Committees

Report to the Information Technology & Infrastructure Committee

Discussion Item

Topic: Ethical framework for educational technologies

Date of Meeting: April 30, 2025

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1. Motion/Purpose of the Report

- To review and discuss the draft ethical framework for educational technologies

2. Rationale/Background

- Among the actions that the university has committed to in its current academic plan is:
    - *4e: Develop and adopt an ethical framework for educational technologies that ensures the procurement of digital tools do not perpetuate and reinforce systemic inequalities and racial biases.*
- Following consultations with the Information Technology & Infrastructure Committee (IT&IC) and the Teaching & Learning Policy Committee (T&LPC), including two consultations at the conceptual stage and two consultations in order to receive feedback on potential framework components, we proceeded to draft the attached framework, which I am pleased to bring to IT&IC for review and discussion.
- This draft framework draws inspiration from an ethical educational technology toolkit that will soon be published by the British Columbia Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. It benefits from expertise of staff in the Centre for Pedagogical Innovation as well as colleagues with relevant expertise across the institution.

- This draft framework will undergo additional review and discussion at the May 12, 2025 meeting of T&LPC prior to finalization.

3. Summary of Consultation/Communication

Name of group or individual	Date of meeting or communication	Type of session (e.g., consultation, information sharing)	Outcome (e.g., endorsed, approved, other)
T&LPC	February 12, 2025	Consultation	Discussed and endorsed
IT&IC	February 26, 2025	Consultation	Discussed and endorsed
IT&IC	March 26, 2025	Consultation	Discussed and endorsed
T&LPC	April 7, 2025	Consultation	Discussed and endorsed

4. Appendix

- Draft framework for ethical educational technologies