Senate Committees

Report to the Information Technology & Infrastructure Committee

Action Item

Topic: Ethical Framework for Educational Technologies

Date of Meeting: May 21, 2025

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1. Motion

- **THAT the Information Technology & Infrastructure Committee (IT&IC) recommends that Senate supports the consideration of the Ethical Framework for Educational Technologies during the procurement, renewal, development, and deployment of 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 six consultations with the Information Technology & Infrastructure Committee (IT&IC) and the Teaching & Learning Policy Committee (T&LPC), including two consultations at the conceptual stage, two consultations in order to receive feedback on potential framework components, and two discussions of the draft framework, the ethical framework for educational technologies has been finalized and is presented to members of IT&IC for their endorsement.
- 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, including:

- Chabriol Colebatch, General Counsel and Associate Vice-President, Legal, Compliance, and Privacy
- Gemma Ahn, Associate Vice-President and Head of Information Technology Services
- Dr. Robyn Bourgeois, Vice Provost, Indigenous Engagement
- Bradley Clarke, Associate Vice-President, Students and Acting Associate Vice-President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Robert Cargnelli, Associate Vice President, Risk Management and Internal Audit
- Tanya Motola, Director, Procurement Services
- Melissa Wilson, Director, Human Rights and Equity
- Dr. Anna Lathrop, Special Advisor to the Provost
- Tomas Flecker, Executive Director, Strategic Projects, Office of the Provost
- Members of the Provost's advisory group on artificial intelligence

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 (concept)	Discussed and endorsed
IT&IC	February 26, 2025	Consultation (concept)	Discussed and endorsed
IT&IC	March 26, 2025	Consultation (potential components)	Discussed and endorsed
T&LPC	April 7, 2025	Consultation (potential components)	Discussed and endorsed

IT&IC	April 30, 2025	Consultation (draft framework)	Discussed and endorsed
T&LPC	May 12, 2025	Consultation (draft framework)	Discussed and endorsed

4. Appendix

- Ethical framework for educational technologies (updated May 13, 2025)