Educational Technology Committee
February 26, 2026 (approved)

Name	Location	PR/ EX	Name	Location	PR/ EX
Jamey Nye (Co-Chair)	DO	ex	Morgan Murphy (Co-Chair)	DAS	x
Pamela Bimbi	ARC-DE		Shar McCarrol	ARC	x
Lori Beccarelli	ARC	x	Michael Holmes	ARC	
Mikenna Modesto	ARC-Adm		Wendell Fishman	CRC	x
TBD#2 CRC	CRC		TBD #3 CRC	CRC	
Gregory Beyrer	CRC-DE	x	Tyler Rollins	CRC-Adm	
Rebecca Mendell	FLC & IAC	x	Daniel Hale	FLC	
Morgan Murphy	FLC-DE	x	Angela Hyatt	FLC	
TBD	FLC-Adm		Yolanda Garcia	SCC-Adm	
Norman Lorenz	SCC		Kandace Knudson (Alt.)/IAC	SCC	x
TBD	SCC		Brian Pogue	SCC-DE	x
Gregory Beyrer	LRCFT	x	Patrick Crandley	SCC	
Karen Tercho	Librarian	x	Manveer Bola (Co-Chair)	DO-AVCIT	x
Frank Kobayashi	DO-AVCI		Guest: Paula Cardwell	DAS	x
Guest: Leslie Reeves	FastTrack	x	Guest: Mark Olsen	FLC-Math	x
Guest: Alice Dieli	ARC	x	Ken Cooper	DOIT	x

Welcome & Announcements

The zoom meeting was called to order at 3:00p. and the committee was welcomed by the faculty co-chair.

Approval of Agenda & November Notes:

The agenda for the day was approved and the notes from the November meeting were reviewed & approved.

Discussion Item:

- MathGPT.AI – It's a tutoring feature that opens a Chatbot that uses Socratic questioning with guardrails to prevent cheating on homework. Can this be integrated into Canvas? The cost is currently $25 per student in addition to the $40 textbook required for class. It was noted there is a non-AI version of this tool, and it would need to be turned on by any faculty wanted to use it. Academic Freedom was raised that a faculty should be able to use technology they think best. It was noted that some tools (which were noted in the recent ACMM report) lack accountability for accessibility. And for this tool no VPAT statement could be found, but it is FERPA compliant. It was noted the process to get and LTI through the LTI 1.3 request process could be easier. The AVC IT will check with his department to see who in the district reviews the LTIs and if the process can be streamlined. The Committee agreed to forward this tool to the district academic Senate for their information. It was noted by the DAS president that recommendations for AI

enhanced tools are sent forward to District Academic Senate as informational items only, not approval items, because the expertise related to these types of tools is held by the membership of the Educational Technology Committee.

- Nectar AI - this tool is part of a statewide pilot sponsored by the Chancellor's Office. The features are like that of MathGPT but it is already located in Canvas. It is an easy tool to use and restrict, it is FERPA compliant and can pull Canvas content directly into its database. There is no record kept of students' personal questions so there is no surveillance, but it does provide analytics. This is an opt-in tool; not deployed to everyone automatically. It was noted they can be set up as optional by the faculty and as extra support if students choose to use them. It was also noted the data used by each individual chatbot is uploaded by each faculty is not shared with other chat bots. If this tool were outside of Canvas, it would take extra work for faculty to download their content. Committee agreed to forward this tool to District Academic Senate for their information.
- Library Database - The AVC of IT informed the committee of the library's request to change the name of the Wi-Fi. It was noted the change would occur over the summer to minimize impact to students, but androids and Chromebooks would pose additional problems selecting the new wi-fi. Notifications of the change and the new Wi-Fi names will be sent out by DOIT.
- Bookstore Replacement - it was noted that Barnes and Noble will take over our bookstores effective July 1st and DOIT is working on all the changes that this entails.
- IgniteAI Agent - it was noted this tool is a tool provided by Instructure. It is a chatbot built into Canvas and the pilot program for this ends on June 30th. Currently we are only using the administrative access, but we could make it available to faculty until June 30th for them to try it out and to begin discussions about obtaining the tool for everyone in the future. It was noted this was an opt-in tool and the possibility of the Chancellor's Office covering the cost in the future is a possibility.
- Draft AI Guidance Policy - the draft AI Guidance Policy was shared in chat. It was noted it's up to instructors to determine what is allowed related to AI in their classrooms. The Student Senate, Ed Tech Committee, LMS Coordinators, and accessibility experts were asked to review and add input before this document is be shared with District Academic Senate. The group who put together this document is a subgroup of DESSC, and the Student AI Taskforce was also involved.

Informational Updates:

- DOIT Update – AVC of IT- no additional Updates
- AVCI Updates – none
- DIAC Updates – They are reviewing the ACMM findings
- CVC-OEI FastTrack –none
- Library Update – They are working on preloading student printing accounts with $1 to help students get their accounts started and be able to print in the library more quickly
- LMS/DE - Each campus provided updates. The need to continue with UDACs after the funding ends on June 30th was noted. The DAS president noted that DC Nye indicated these positions were originally funded for only three years, then an additional three years were funded. Going forward, 2.0 FTE will be funded for three more years (a ½ time position at each campus; or two full-time positions covering two schools each). Many on

the committee felt these positions needed to be permanent, and that they are not instructional positions and should not come out of that FTE.

Future Agenda Items

- Zero Textbook Costs – could a popup related to ZTC be installed so students can access the information easier? (Cardwell)
- LTI Canvas Integration with new Caption vendor (Mendell)
- Notes in class schedule and how students need to click through them…Title 5 requirement – popup or checkbox to indicate they have read/reviewed the information. Submitted to IT Service Central in the past. (P.Bimbi)
- DSPS Idea – streamlining continuing updates
- Canvas/SLO/Common Core numbering Continuing Discussion (N.Lorenz)
- Continued discussion on OGS.
- Discussion of Yuja
- Plug-in – Canvas & SLO software to integrate similar to NewVentive @ FLC (N.Lorenz)

Adjourned at 4:50p