

UW President's *AI Across the University* Commission

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2025-2026 Presidential Fellow

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AI Across the University

Managed through Office of the President

- Jeff Hamerlinck, Chair in Presidential Fellow role

Established November 24, 2025

- Duration of the commission is open-ended.

Initial membership appointed by President Seidel

- Initial appointment terms through December 31, 2026.

Scope is necessarily broad

- Builds on past and ongoing work.

Commission Charge

- **Provide strategic guidance and coordination** for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in academics, university administration, and research at the University of Wyoming.
- **Support UW community in evaluating, aligning and integrating AI across the university's mission and strategic priorities** by facilitating development, adoption, and implementation of appropriate AI technologies, educating students, faculty, and staff about their impact and supporting their use in a responsible, ethical, and compliant manner.
- **Assess and propose necessary AI resources investments.**
- **Guide and promote creation of best practice AI governance and use policies**, following established UW processes.

Commission Responsibilities and Initial Deliverables

Five Areas of Responsibilities

- Administration – i.e., “coordinate and curate”
- Compliance
- Communication
- Institutional Development
- Guidance

Immediate Deliverable (June 15, 2026)

“develop and initiate implementation of **“UW and AI Today”** – a near-term strategic framework to enable and coordinate cross-cutting AI policy, investments, and best practices over the next 24 months”

Committees

Five established in commission charge

- **AI Teaching and Learning** (Steve Barrett)
- **Academic Hiring around AI** (Beth McMillan and Ian Walker)
- **AI-Related R&D Opportunities and Directions** (Parag Chitnis)
- **AI Services & Tools: Administrative, Academic, Research and Service Applications of AI** (Amy McLaughlin)
- **External Collaborations** (Jeff Hamerlinck)

Notes

- All currently **chaired or co-chaired by a Commission member.**
- **Overlap** with some topics already being worked on.
- Committees will have their own **six-month and 12-month workplans/deliverables.**

Other Cross-Cutting Topics

- **Compliance**

- Federal v. state
- Data privacy and security
- Institutional ethics policies
- Algorithmic transparency – i.e., disclosing how AI systems make decisions

- **Institutional Development**

- Training for faculty, staff and students
- Use cases demonstrating breadth of AI opportunities

- **Sustainability Issues**

- E.g., university position on resource requirements and best practices

Current Activities

- **Socializing commission's work across the institution and with our stakeholders**
- **Identifying and prioritizing needs**
 - Finalizing committee memberships and workplans (February 2, 2026)
 - Inventory of past and ongoing AI investments and activities
 - Compilation of pertinent federal and state regulations and policies
- **Academic Hiring around AI Committee** (McMillan and Walker)
 - Cluster hire: recruitment and bridge funding
- **AI Teaching and Learning Committee** (Barrett; seven subcommittees)
 - Academic Integrity subcommittee: revising UW Regulation 2-114 and SAP development
 - Faculty Development and Training subcommittee: AI Mini Conference being planned for 16 February
 - Best Teaching Practices subcommittee: tune in to Faculty Listserv!

UWIT Training Events

- **AI workshops:** <http://uwittraining.uwyo.edu>

- Microsoft 365 Copilot AI (Feb.4, 2:00-3:30 PM)
- NotebookLM (Feb.5, 9:00-10:30 AM) << highly recommended workshop!
- NotebookLM (Feb.11, 2:00-3:30 PM)
- Zoom: AI & Privacy (Feb.19, 2:00-3:00 PM)
- Using AI: Getting Started (Feb.24, 9:00-10:30 AM)
- Using AI: Getting Started (Mar.4, 2:00-3:30 PM)
- AI Prompt Engineering (self-paced)

- **AI Open Labs**

- Planning in progress, with anticipated start in mid-late February
- From Alec Muthig , Information Technology Trainer & Program Manager:

“AI Open Labs will cover different topics, such as for beginners, in the classroom, data analysis, etc., and will allow participants to meet with experienced AI-users on campus to ask questions and explore use-cases. They are a chance to work one-on-one to get more personalized AI assistance and inspiration.”

UWIT Training Events

Teaching with AI: Practical Strategies for the UW Classroom

February 16, 10am to 4pm | Coe Library, Room 506

Registration and promotion will be launched middle of next week.

Tentative Schedule

- **10:00-11:30 workshop – From Possibility to Practice: Integrating AI into Coursework** (This interactive workshop showcases concrete examples of how faculty are thoughtfully integrating AI into coursework across disciplines. Through demonstrations, short case showcases, and guided discussion, participants will explore what AI integration can look like in real classes—focusing on pedagogical purpose, ethical considerations, and alignment with learning outcomes rather than tools alone.)
- **11:30-1:00 lunch will be provided**
- **1:00-2:30 Workshop – Faculty Studio: Redesign Learning Activities to Use AI Tools** (In this hands-on workshop, faculty bring a learning activity from their courses and work alongside facilitators and peers to explore how to integrate AI tools intentionally and responsibly. Emphasis is placed on learning goals, student agency, assessment, and disciplinary context, with time for iteration, feedback, and redesign. The guiding question for this studio is how can students use AI in this assignment?)
- **2:45-4:00 Open lab – Work with experts. Ask questions. Participate in discussions.** Continue working to bring AI intentionally and appropriately into your classroom.



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Redesigning Learning for an AI World: Invitation to apply for a Learning Community

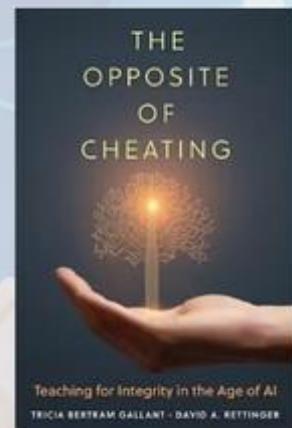
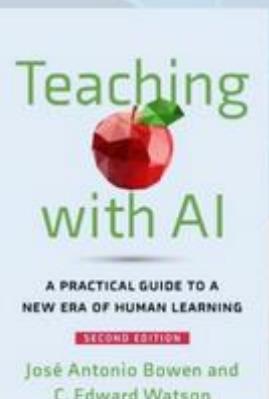


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Questions and Suggestions

- **Communication ideas?**
- **Other**

Thank You!

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Extra Slides

Commission Membership

Jeff Hamerlinck, Associate Director, School of Computing, and Presidential Fellow (Chair)

Anne Alexander, Interim Provost

Dave Bagley, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Steve Barrett, Associate Dean, College of Engineering & Physical Sciences

Parag Chitnis, Vice President for Research & Economic Development

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Kelsey Kyne, Chief of Staff to the President

Amy McLaughlin, Vice President for IT

Beth McMillan, Interim Director, School of Computing

Paula Medina, ASUW President

Purdue unveils comprehensive AI strategy; trustees approve 'AI working competency' graduation requirement



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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — [Purdue University](#) on Friday (Dec. 12) unveiled a broad strategy of AI@Purdue across five functional areas: Learning with AI, Learning about AI, Research AI, Using AI and Partnering in AI.

A key element of the comprehensive plan came as the [Board of Trustees](#) approved a first-of-its-kind plan in the country to introduce an "AI working competency" graduation requirement for all undergraduate students on main campus (Indianapolis and West Lafayette).

"The reach and pace of AI's impact to society, including many dimensions of higher education, means that we at Purdue must lean in and lean forward and do so across different functions at the university," Purdue President Mung Chiang said. "AI@Purdue strategic actions are part of the Purdue Computes strategic initiative, and will continue to be refreshed to advance the missions and impact of our university."