

Faculty Senate Meeting, April 22, 2024
Informal Statement from Susan Sterrett

Four weeks ago, I presented concerns about the Privacy Policies of Anthology, the company that owns Blackboard, and their new AI Framework that came out in January of this year. Basically, their policy says that they do share the information they collect. I have since learned that they collect communications between instructors and students on Blackboard, grading activity, and many other things.¹

I feel that the Senate minutes and the Sunflower's story on my presentation to the Faculty Senate four weeks ago did not quite capture the concerns - I have some sympathy; I talked pretty fast — so I would ask anyone to consult my slides² rather than rely on those summaries.

I also expressed a wish for interpretation of these policies so faculty wasn't going to). So I feel my concerns are still live concerns, and that this is going to be a tough job.

I am very happy to see that there are now, in the last few weeks, faculty guides³ that do recognize that there are risks using AI, they give some guidance to faculty, and recognize that the guidance to faculty is in the process of development. I feel faculty are going to have to be alert, especially regarding FERPA.

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