UC AI Council: 2023-2024 Annual Report

The UC AI Council has made significant strides in promoting responsible AI use across the University of California system during the 2023-2024 period. Building on the foundation of the 2021 UC Responsible AI Principles, the Council, through its three dedicated subcommittees, has focused on integrating these principles into UC operations, fostering ethical AI development and deployment, and enhancing transparency around AI use.

Key accomplishments include:

- **Development and Launch of Core Resources:**

    o **UC AI Website:** A central hub for AI resources, insights, and community engagement opportunities across the UC system. Learn more at: ai.universityofcalifornia.edu.

    o **AI 101 Training Module:** Leveraging UC San Diego's AI Fundamentals training module as the foundation, the AI 101 module provides foundational knowledge and skills for understanding and working with AI technologies.

    o **UC Artificial Intelligence Risk Assessment Guide:** Designed to assist the UC community in evaluating the risks associated with AI use in administrative settings.

- **Fostering Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing:**

    o **"Creating a Smarter University" Workshop**: Workshop brought together over 200 UC senior administrative leaders and AI tool builders to share best practices, accelerate AI deployment, and ensure alignment with the UC Responsible AI Principles.

- **Enhancing Transparency and Understanding AI Use:**

    o **Transparency Report:** The Council developed a Transparency Report based on a systemwide survey and interviews. This report provides insights into current AI use patterns and trends, including generative AI, across the UC system.

    o **Defining "High Impact" AI Uses**: The Transparency Report includes an updated definition of AI uses that may significantly impact individuals, organizational units, or the University, encouraging stakeholders to carefully consider these implications before AI development and deployment.

Looking Ahead:

In 2025, the UC AI Council will expand its focus to include **Impact and Innovation**, endeavoring to:

- **Deepen collaboration** across the UC system to leverage campus excellence and ensure broader impact.

- **Foster AI development and use** across the UC system with UC AI governance as the foundation for innovation.

- **Leverage the Power of 10** by evaluating use cases that will benefit the entire UC system.

- **Amplify State and Federal AI Initiatives** that align with UC values and address broader workforce up-skilling needs.

The UC AI Council is committed to advancing the responsible and innovative use of AI across the University of California system. The Council's ongoing work is crucial in navigating the rapidly evolving AI landscape and ensuring that AI technologies are used ethically and effectively to benefit the entire UC community. We welcome and encourage the UC community to get involved with AI initiatives across the UC system and with the UC AI Council.

To learn more and to connect with the UC AI Council, visit the University of California AI website: ai.universityofcalifornia.edu.

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