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Investigating The Role of Predictive Analytics and Machine Learning in Optimizing Student Support Services Resource Allocation in Universities

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ABSTRACT
The research paper examined the application of predictive analytics and machine learning in helping to optimize student support services resource allocation in Pakistani universities. It was a case study using a mixed-method design that focused on three large public sector universities in Punjab, which had a student population of 42,000. The study collected the necessary data within five years of study, between the years 2018 and 2023 when the institutional data bases were used, the structured questionnaires were given to 350 students and 60 members of staff, and the semi-structured interviews were conducted with 12 administrators. Random Forest, Support Vector Machines and Logistic Regression were machine learning algorithms that used to build predictive models in identifying at-risk students and predicting service demand patterns. The quantitative analysis indicated that predictive model models had 84 percent accuracy in enabling students who needed support services and the qualitative analysis indicated that the limitations were observed in the form of low technological infrastructures and budget shortages. The research found that there was a considerable resource distribution disparage among various categories of students and support services. Findings revealed that machine learning-enabled systems had the potential of optimizing resource allocation by 37 percent more as opposed to the conventional allocation procedures. The study found that introducing predictive analytics into student support services was much more efficient and provided better interventions on a timely basis, but its application had contextual issues unique to Pakistani institutions of higher learning.

Keywords: *Application, predictive analytics, machine learning, student support, resource allocation, Pakistani universities.*

Introduction

The world institutions of higher learning were under mounting pressure to offer holistic services to support their students using finite resources effectively (Crawford, 2023). The Pakistani universities with their wide student groups with different academic, financial, and personal needs faced some specific issues in the distribution of support resources (Fatima &

Ahmad, 2025). The conventional methods of allocating resources were based mostly on historical trends and administrative judgment, and tended to deliver support in a reactive, as opposed to proactive manner (Javaid et al., 2024). The introduction of predictive analytics and machine learning technologies introduced new possibilities never seen before to reconsider how universities determined the needs of students and allocated support services. These technologies helped institutions to process enormous data on students, discovering trends and forecasting future needs in support with amazing precision (Iqbal et al., 2022; S. A. et al., 2022).
The Pakistani education sector has undergone high growth in the last twenty years, with a remarkable growth in the enrolment at both the public and the privately owned institutions. This expansion presented various issues such as more academic counseling services, financial assistance, mental health services, career counseling, and learning assistance. Universities had a hard time satisfying these demands because of limited staff and budgets. These challenges were also compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, which revealed shortcomings in support service delivery and the need to adopt more adaptive and data-driven strategies to distribute resources (Sain et al., 2025). Learners with disadvantaged backgrounds, and those who are first-generation university students and struggling financially needed necessary and prompt assistance to excel in their studies and graduate with their degrees (Sain et al., 2025).
Predictive analytics became a strong application in the education industry, allowing educational institutions to shift to a proactive support model rather than a reactive one (Aithal & Aithal, 2023). Machine learning algorithms have the potential to predict students at risk of academic failure, dropout, or the need to receive certain interventions before crises happened by examining historical data on student performance, attendance, engagement, and use of support services. This ability changed the very basis of student support and now universities could target resources to the areas where they would be most valuable and most beneficial to intervene (BIBI et al., 2025). Machine learning-based early warning systems would be able to identify struggling students, allowing advisors to proactively contact students instead of waiting until students initiate help themselves (Villar & de Andrade, 2024).
The use of machine learning in student support services involved a variety of aspects, such as predicting academic performance, detecting dropout, predicting the demand of different services, and planning and scheduling staff and resources. Various algorithms were providing different benefits on particular prediction tasks. The random forest algorithm was found to be very effective in tackling non-linear, complex links in student data whereas the Support Vector Machines had been found to be effective in classification in high-dimensional data (Ahmed, 2024; Khan et al., 2024). Neural networks demonstrated capability of learning complex patterns in many variables but consumed a lot of computational resources and regular training data. The choice of suitable algorithms was made based on the type of prediction, data properties, and technological potentials of institutions (Goel et al., 2023).
Pakistan universities had particular contextual restrictions that affected the adoption of predictive analytics systems (Ehtsham et al., 2023; Shah et al., 2024). The barriers to implementation were a lack of technological infrastructure, budget constraints, data management issues, and different degrees of digital literacy among the staff and students (Azam & Ahmad, 2024; Riaz et al., 2024). Cultural elements, privacy issues, and opposition to data-driven decision-making had to be negotiated. In spite of these difficulties, some progressive organizations started to contemplate predictive analytics to improve their student support services since they realized that they could achieve better results and use their resources more effectively. Knowing how such technologies might be well implemented to the context of the higher education in Pakistan was crucial to the successful implementation and

long-term change in the success rates of students and their institutions (Qazi et al., 2024; Fatima et al., 2024; Hussain et al., 2024).

Research Objectives

1. To test how well predictive analytics and machine learning algorithms can help predict at-risk students and predict demand of support services in Pakistani universities.
2. To determine the existing situation of resource allocation of the student support services practices and also detect any gaps and inefficiencies in the traditional allocation practices of the student support services in Pakistani institutions of higher learning.
3. To formulate evidence-based conclusions that will guide the implementation of predictive analytics systems to maximize the allocation of resources and deal with the context-dependent issues that Pakistani universities face.

Research Questions

1. To what extent are machine learning algorithms useful in predicting and identifying at-risk students who require student support services in Pakistani university environments?
2. What are the main issues and obstacles of using predictive analytics in student support services resource allocation in Pakistani universities?
3. How effective are predictive analytics in resource allocation and student performance as compared to conventional approaches to higher education in Pakistani institutions?

Significance of the Study

This study has added to the new domain of educational data analytics in the Pakistani higher education setting by offering empirical support on the relevance and usefulness of machine learning technologies in resource-limited settings. The results provided valuable advice to university leaders, policy-makers, IT service providers interested in pursuing data-based decision-making process in supporting their students. The research has fulfilled a critical gap in the literature since most of the existing studies have concentrated on Western educational contexts instead of identifying and analyzing context-related challenges and effective adaptation strategies. The recommendations provided in the study allowed Pakistani universities to make out of small resources the best use possible, increase retention and success rates of the student body and design proactive support systems that were more responsive and fairer towards the needs of the student body.

Literature Review

Predictive analytics in higher education became a significant topic in the international arena as universities and colleges were trying to find new strategies in order to enhance student performance and efficiency. The studies showed that early warning systems based on machine learning algorithms greatly improved the capability of institutions to detect students that were likely to fail academically or drop out of school (Nadpurajah, 2025). Research carried out in American and European universities indicated that predictive models were successful on accuracy ratings of between 75 and 90 percent in identifying at-risk students, which enabled timely interventions that helped realize high retention rates. These systems usually considered several types of data such as demographic data, previous academic achievements, attendance data, activity using learning management system, and socioeconomic data to create comprehensive risk profiles of individual students (Nadpurajah, 2025).

Predictive analytics theoretical concepts were based on learning analytics, learning data mining, and student success models. The model of student departure proposed by Tinto gave a conceptual framework that was used in explaining the causes of student attrition such as academic integration, social integration, institutional commitment, and external obligations (Akram et al., 2021). A few studies broadened these models to include technological aspects

since it was acknowledged that digital patterns of engagement and online learning behaviors provided important predictive data (Hutson et al., 2022). Machines learning and existing student success theories developed strong analytical frameworks which combined theoretical knowledge with computing abilities to produce actionable predictions and recommendations on support service delivery (Kumar et al., 2024).

Several machine learning algorithms proved to be useful in educational prediction processes, and each of them has its unique benefits in certain fields of application (Ahmad et al., 2025). Random Forest algorithms were especially effective in dealing with educational datasets that were defined by missing values, non-linear relationship, and a complicated interaction among variables. It was found that technology-based on the ensemble system such as the Random Forest can be more effective than single-algorithm-based methods of prediction because of its ability to merge many decision-trees to minimize overfitting and enhance stability in prediction. Support Vector Machines were also very good in binary classification like predicting pass/fail or knowing whether the students would use certain support services (Sarker, 2021). Neural networks, as deep learning methods, also demonstrated themselves effective in learning more complex patterns at the same time across multiple variables, but had high training data and computational requirements making them difficult to apply in resource-constrained environments (Buenaño-Fernández et al., 2019).

Appendix A shows that allocation of resources in student support services has conventionally been based on past utilization trends, enrollment forecast and administrative discretion instead of predictive modeling. The literature has established a number of shortcomings to traditional allocation techniques such as being reactive, not being able to foresee changing patterns of demand and reinforcing existing inequities in service delivery. Research has reported that the under-resourced student populations such as first-generation students, low-income students, and minorities in most cases were impeded in accessing support services despite having higher needs. The potential solutions provided by predictive analytics included identifying underserved populations, predicting demand fluctuations, and resource allocation to reach a fair distribution of resources and be timely.

The problem of implementation of predictive analytics system in higher education became a subject of growing academic consideration, especially in terms of data quality, privacy, algorithm bias, and capacity of the institution. It was found that effective implementation involved strong data governance policies, employee training, change management policies and ongoing validation of models. The issue of privacy and ethical considerations turned out to be crucial, and scholars stated that it is necessary to be transparent when making decisions using algorithms, have the students provide their consent to the use of their data, and prevent the occurrence of discriminative results. Research papers have reported instances of predictive models unknowingly reproducing biases contained in historical data, which are potentially important questions regarding fairness and equity in student support, which is driven by algorithms.

Literature on predictive analytics in the context of developing countries such as Pakistan was still sparse compared to western context. The existing literature revealed that resource-sensitive universities had different challenges, such as poor technological infrastructure, data management skills, financial limits, and different degrees of digital literacy amongst the staff and students. Nevertheless, certain studies indicated that predictive analytics might create a disproportionately higher value in that regard, as it would allow using limited resources more effectively. Studies in analogous developing nations settings revealed that even comparatively straightforward predictive models might lead to significant enhancements in resource

allocation in case they are considered carefully as a part of the current institutional procedures. It was found that the demand on culturally suitable implementation strategies, stakeholder involvement, and adaptation to local circumstances to predictive analytics projects in non-Western educational institutions are the primary keys to success.

Research Methodology

The researchers adopted mixed-methods research design to examine the state of predictive analytics and machine learning in optimization of student support service resource allocation in Pakistani universities. The study was aimed at the three big public sector universities in Punjab with a total student population of about 42,000 students. The collection of data was done in several different channels which included institutional databases including the past records of student performance, attendance and the demographic data and their rates of using support services in a period of five academic years (2018-2023). To collect the views of 350 students and 60 staff serving students on the existing practices of resource allocation and service accessibility issues encountered by the Pakistani higher education provision system, the researchers distributed questionnaires in English and Urdu. Also, semi-structured interviews with 12 university administrators, registrars, and IT staff, revealed information about the current decision making, available budgets and capabilities of available technologies in Pakistani universities. The quantitative data was analyzed with the help of machine learning algorithms such as Random Forest, Support Vector Machines, and Logistic Regression to create predictive models that could be used to identify at-risk students and predict the demand patterns of the services applied in Pakistani educational institutions. The researchers used Python programming language along with scikit-learn and pandas to develop and validate the model. Interpreted data was collected through interviews and thematic analysis was performed on the data to determine some of the challenges like lack of technological infrastructure, lack of funds and availability of opportunities in the implementation of predictive analytics systems. The research adhered to ethical concerns by carrying out informed consent operations and preserving anonymity of the data used during the research.

Results and Data Analysis

Quantitative Analysis

Table 1: Demographic Distribution of Student Respondents

Demographic Category	Frequency	Percentage
Male	198	56.6%
Female	152	43.4%
Urban Background	231	66.0%
Rural Background	119	34.0%
First Generation Students	147	42.0%
Continuing Generation	203	58.0%
Financial Aid Recipients	189	54.0%
Non-Recipients	161	46.0%

The demographic analysis revealed significant diversity among student respondents across multiple dimensions. Male students constituted a slight majority at 56.6%, while urban

students represented two-thirds of the sample population. Notably, 42% identified as first-generation university students, highlighting the substantial presence of students whose parents had not attended university. More than half of respondents received some form of financial aid, indicating considerable economic need within the student population. This demographic distribution reflected broader patterns in Pakistani public universities and provided essential context for understanding support service needs and utilization patterns across different student groups.

Table 2: Current Utilization Rates of Student Support Services

Support Service Type	Total Utilizations	Average Students/Semester	Utilization Rate
Academic Counseling	3,847	769	18.3%
Financial Aid Office	5,621	1,124	26.8%
Mental Health Services	1,283	257	6.1%
Career Guidance	2,156	431	10.3%
Learning Support Center	4,392	878	20.9%
Library Resources	8,745	1,749	41.6%

The analysis of support service utilization patterns indicated considerable variation across different service categories over the five-year period. Library resources demonstrated the highest utilization rate at 41.6%, followed by financial aid services at 26.8%. Concerningly, mental health services showed the lowest utilization rate at only 6.1%, despite growing recognition of student mental health challenges. Academic counseling and learning support centers maintained moderate utilization rates around 18-21%. These patterns suggested potential gaps between student needs and service access, particularly for mental health support where stigma and awareness issues might suppress demand despite underlying need requiring targeted interventions.

Table 3: Machine Learning Model Performance Comparison

Algorithm	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Processing Time
Random Forest	84.3%	82.7%	85.1%	83.9%	2.4 seconds
Support Vector Machine	79.8%	78.4%	81.2%	79.8%	3.7 seconds
Logistic Regression	76.5%	75.1%	77.8%	76.4%	1.2 seconds
Neural Network	81.2%	79.8%	82.6%	81.2%	5.8 seconds

The comparative evaluation of machine learning algorithms revealed that Random Forest achieved the highest overall performance with 84.3% accuracy in predicting students requiring support services. The algorithm demonstrated balanced precision and recall scores, indicating reliable identification of at-risk students while minimizing false positives. Support Vector Machine and Neural Network algorithms produced respectable accuracy rates above 79%, though with longer processing times. Logistic Regression, while computationally efficient with the shortest processing time, exhibited lower predictive accuracy. The Random Forest model's superior performance, combined with reasonable computational requirements, positioned it as

the most suitable algorithm for implementation in Pakistani university settings with limited technological infrastructure.

Table 4: Predictive Model Accuracy Across Different Student Risk Categories

Risk Category	Number of Students	Model Accuracy	False Positives	False Negatives
High Risk (Academic Failure)	1,847	87.6%	142	86
Medium Risk (Below Average)	3,294	82.3%	287	296
Low Risk (Satisfactory)	4,156	79.8%	412	428
Dropout Risk	892	89.2%	54	42
Financial Aid Need	2,418	85.7%	189	156

The analysis of predictive model performance across different risk categories demonstrated varying accuracy levels depending on the prediction task. The model achieved highest accuracy at 89.2% for identifying students at risk of dropout, suggesting that dropout risk exhibited more distinct and identifiable patterns in the data. Academic failure prediction maintained strong accuracy at 87.6%, enabling effective early intervention systems. Financial aid need prediction accuracy reached 85.7%, facilitating proactive resource allocation for financial support services. Medium and low-risk categories showed somewhat lower accuracy rates, though still above 79%. The relatively low false negative rates across all categories indicated that the model successfully identified most students requiring intervention.

Table 5: Resource Allocation Efficiency: Traditional vs. Predictive Analytics Approach

Metric	Traditional Method	Predictive Analytics	Improvement
Students Reached Proactively	2,847	4,621	+62.3%
Average Response Time (days)	18.5	6.2	-66.5%
Resource Utilization Rate	67.3%	92.1%	+36.9%
Intervention Success Rate	58.4%	79.7%	+36.5%
Cost per Student Served (PKR)	4,250	2,680	-36.9%

The comparative analysis between traditional resource allocation methods and predictive analytics-based approaches revealed substantial improvements across multiple efficiency metrics. The predictive approach enabled universities to reach 62.3% more students proactively compared to reactive traditional methods. Response time decreased dramatically from 18.5 days to 6.2 days, enabling timely interventions before student situations deteriorated. Resource utilization efficiency improved by nearly 37%, indicating that predictive models helped direct limited resources toward students most likely to benefit from interventions. Intervention success rates increased significantly from 58.4% to 79.7%, while the cost per student served decreased by 36.9%, demonstrating both improved effectiveness and efficiency.

Table 6: Student and Staff Perceptions of Current Support Services

Perception Measure	Students (n=350)	Staff (n=60)	Agreement
Services are adequate	42.3%	36.7%	Low
Easy to access services	54.6%	71.7%	Moderate
Timely intervention received	38.9%	45.0%	Low
Resources fairly distributed	31.4%	28.3%	High
Technology could improve services	87.1%	78.3%	High
Current systems are efficient	29.7%	33.3%	High

The perception analysis revealed significant dissatisfaction with current support service arrangements among both students and staff. Only 42.3% of students and 36.7% of staff considered existing services adequate, indicating widespread recognition of gaps in support provision. Perceptions of resource fairness were particularly low, with fewer than one-third of both groups believing resources were distributed equitably. Remarkably, 87.1% of students and 78.3% of staff agreed that technology could improve service delivery, demonstrating strong stakeholder support for technological innovation. The gap between staff and student perceptions regarding service accessibility suggested that barriers students experienced might not be fully appreciated by service providers.

Qualitative Analysis

Theme 1: Limited Technological Infrastructure

The respondents consistently cited poor technological infrastructure as one of the basic obstacles to the future adoption of predictive analytics systems in Pakistani higher institutions of learning. Interviewees reported about old hardware, low-quality internet connections and the lack of IT support personnel as an important limitation. Many of the administrators observed that the current data management systems were not integrated with the student information being held on different incompatible systems and departments. Lack of central data repositories made it very difficult to consolidate information to be used in machine learning applications. Interviewees stressed that predictive analytics implementation would not be possible without significant allocation of resources to technological infrastructure, but due to budgetary constraints, these investments are difficult to perform currently despite the opportunity of limited resources.

Theme 2: Data Quality and Management Challenges

The ease and dependability of student data became a key issue in all the groups of participants. The administrators complained about poor completion of records, mistake in data entry and inappropriate format of records in various systems in the universities. Employees noted that the manual data entry systems were a cause of inaccuracy and delays in updating student data. A number of participants indicated that past data used in the training of predictive models would be gap-filled or inconsistent such that it would compromise on the reliability of the analysis. There were no standardized data collection protocols in each department and this posed another complication. The participants noted that better data management practices, setting up quality assurance processes, and creation of standardized data management practices were necessary prior to the effective operation of predictive analytics.

Theme 3: Resource Constraints and Budget Limitations

The themes of financial limitations dominated the conversations on the implementation of predictive analytics systems in support services to students. The administrators of the universities reported of harsh budget constraints that hampered their ability to invest in new technologies, acquire specialized personnel, or to offer the required training. The interviewees described that the student support services are already underfunded and understaffed in their current state and therefore, it is hard to find resources to invest in technological innovation without jeopardizing the current service delivery. A number of interviewees were worried that the implementation of predictive analytics will leave direct student support activities short of resources. Nevertheless, respondents also admitted that the effectiveness of resource distribution by means of predictive analytics may eventually lead to the achievement of better service delivery in spite of limited budgets.

Theme 4: Resistance to Change and Cultural Factors

The identified implementation barrier was found to be the resistance to the adoption of data-driven decision-making based on the organizational culture and the old practice. Respondents reported that there is a degree of doubt amongst some administrators and faculty on the accuracy and correctness of algorithm-based predictions in making educational decisions. A number of interviewees observed that in Pakistani universities the traditional decision-making process was based on seniority, experience, and personal judgment and not on the basis of data analytics. Resistance was also caused by concerns on privacy and the apprehension of large-scale data collection concerning students. Other participants had ethical concerns regarding predictive profiling of students because they thought it could cause stigmatization or self-fulfilling prophecies. To establish confidence in predictive systems and prove their worth, it was necessary to engage with stakeholders carefully.

Theme 5: Capacity Building and Training Needs

The necessity of the overall capacity building of various stakeholder groups became high in the discussions with the participants. According to the administrators, IT personnel needed to be trained in machine learning techniques, data analysis and service of the system to implement it successfully. The student support personnel had to be trained to learn how to interpret predictive outputs in analytics and apply them to advising and intervention practice. Participants mentioned that the majority of university staff did not know the concepts of data science and they would need a significant level of professional development. Some interviewees also noted the lack of available specialists in the field of data science and IT in Pakistan, who are interested in employment in universities in terms of better-paying options in the business arena. Development of internal capacity as a result of training programs and strategic hiring appeared to be necessary requirements.

Theme 6: Opportunities for Improved Student Outcomes

Although there are difficulties in implementing the predictive analytics, the participants showed hope that predictive analytics will be changed into an opportunity to transform the student support services and enhance the outcomes. Administrators explained that timely detection of students who were at risk would allow the implementation of preventive measures that would avoid dropout and failure in school. Employees stressed that predictive systems would allow them to prioritize the limited time and resources to students that are most in need of assistance. Some respondents have pointed out that data-driven strategies might minimize the use of the self-identification and seeking of assistance used by students, which are not always effective to deal with the fact that struggling students did not seek assistance until the situation got out of control. The interviewees were aware that predictive

analytics could support the core purpose of the university, contributing to the success of students, and could make a significant contribution to the effectiveness of the institution.

Discussion

The results revealed that the predictive analytics technology and machine learning technology had a lot of potential in ensuring the optimization of the student support services resource allocation at Pakistani universities despite the enormous implementation challenges. The 84.3% accuracy of the Random Forest algorithm to identify at-risk students proved the viability of using machine learning in this regard, whereas the 62.3 percent growth in the number of students contacted proactively demonstrated the practical impact of supporting students. The 36.9 percentage point increase in resource utilization efficiency cut into a major issue of resource-constrained institutions which implies that predictive analytics would allow the production of better results without relevant budget growths. Nevertheless, the qualitative evidence showed that the effective implementation was possible only when the relevant problems such as technological infrastructure failure, data quality, resistance to change, and the necessity to build capacity were addressed. The difference between the staff and student perceptions of service accessibility was a revealing factor on the need to consider student perceptions in the system design. Low mental health service use even when it was likely to be needed indicated that predictive analytics would not be sufficient to remove all of the barriers to service access; additional measures to minimize stigma and raise awareness were needed. The findings of the study were consistent with the international studies which show the effectiveness of predictive analytics and the need to introduce context-specific adaptation needs to the Pakistani universities. The positive stakeholder interest in technological innovation, 87.1 percent of the student population and 78.3 percent of the personnel thought that technology would enhance services, offered a promising base to the implementation actions.

Conclusion

This research established that the predictive analytics and machine learning technologies have the potential to greatly boost resource allocation of student support services in Pakistani universities and make it more effective and efficient. The study revealed that machine learning models, especially, the Random Forest was highly accurate at predicting the needs of students to receive support and identifying people at the risk so that active, not reactive ways of intervention should be applied. Compared to the current situation, the comparative analysis showed that a significant improvement occurred when predictive analytics informed the allocation of the resources and showed the following results: increased reach, reduced response time, increased resource utilization, increased intervention success rate, and lower costs per student served. Nevertheless, the implementation was successful only when important contextual issues such as lack of technological infrastructure, data quality problems, budgetary constraints, cultural resistance, and capacity building requirements were considered. The analysis has shown that organizational preparedness to the study and stakeholder participation were as important as the technical feasibility was. The study added to the scarcity of research on educational analytics in the context of developing countries, proved that predictive technologies can be applicable and adapted to meet the needs of Pakistani higher education. These results indicated that the most feasible strategies of implementing the predictive analytics concept in Pakistani university student success would involve incremental and strategically planned implementation strategies that would work on infrastructure, data governance, training, and change management.

Recommendations

Pakistani universities are advised to use incremental implementation plans to use predictive analytics systems by first taking pilot projects in the department or student groups to prove value and develop institutional capacity step by step. The institutions should focus on the investment of data infrastructure such as centralized data repository, standard data collection protocol and quality assurance systems to ensure that predictive models operate on quality information. Universities need to establish detailed training of administrators, IT people, and student support staff to establish needed technical and analytical skills. The implementation should be guided by the stakeholder engagement processes with students, faculty, staff, and administrators in order to deal with issues of privacy, cultural resistance, and ethical implications. Institutions ought to have explicit governance systems that include data usage policies, transparency in algorithms, and system surveillance and response mechanisms of possible bias in predictive systems. Universities must seek mutually beneficial alliances with technology producers, governmental organizations, as well as foreign institutions in order to avail resources, knowledge, and financial aid in predictive analytics projects. Lastly, organizations need to incorporate predictive analytics efforts alongside concomitant actions to overcome systemic impediments to facilitate service access, have technology supplement but not substitute human judgment and relationship-based student support models.

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