Minutes (PV)

Meeting:	**Information Security Council - Meeting**
Date & Time:	**Tuesday October 7, 2025 (10:00-11:00 A.M.)**
Location:	**HYBRID: I+TS McLennan 347 Conference Rm; Microsoft Teams Meeting**

CHAIR:
Deepa Kundur, Donna Kidwell
ATTENDEES:
Andrew Petersen, Sarah Lowy, Maher Elshakankiri, Marcelo Ponce Castro, Tero Karppi, Luke Barber, Timothy Chan
BY INVITATION :
Deyves Fonseca, Kalyani Khati, Sotira Chrisanthidis, Aaron Lane, Matt Wilks, Paul Morrison, Kevin Vadnais, Michael Laurentius
REGRETS:
Rohith Sothilingam, Charlotte Fritz, Marcel Fortin, Emily Mamcarz, Patrick Dyke, Denis Bourguignon, Zoran Piljevic, Tamer El-Diraby, Alex Matos, Aleksander Nikolov

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1	**Welcome** The meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. with co-chair Deepa Kundur presiding. Dr. Kundur welcomed everyone to the first ISC meeting of the 2025-26 academic year.
2	**Approval of agenda** The agenda for the October 7th ISC meeting was approved by a show of hands, both in person and virtually.
3	**Threat briefing** **Kevin Vadnais (Mandiant) provided a briefing on the cybersecurity threat landscape for higher education.**
4	**CISO updates** **Deyves Fonseca, Acting CISO provided updates about the information security program.** He covered the following topics: • AI security at U of T • Security dashboards • Cybersecurity-as-a-Service program • End-of-life systems, especially focusing on Windows 10 • Stricter regulatory landscape • New cybersecurity talent acquisition approaches
5	**Remarks from the CIO**

	Donna highlighted progress during her first 120 days as CIO, including breaking down silos within ITS and aligning efforts with the Vice Provost of Digital Strategies. Key initiatives include the AI Task Force, AI Adoption Table, and the AI Kitchen, which will support meaningful AI integration and operational excellence. She outlined six strategic focus areas: identity management, data governance, asset management, endpoint management, service delivery, and network modernization. These priorities aim to strengthen cybersecurity and improve infrastructure, with Phase 1—a 90-day sprint—starting in November. Donna emphasized collaboration through co-created strategies and invited feedback to refine plans, ensuring alignment with institutional goals.
6	**Security Awareness Campaigns** Kalyani Khati provided a brief update on October's significance as Cybersecurity Awareness Month, noting that the university has already conducted targeted campaigns for students during orientation to raise awareness about phishing and social engineering threats. Throughout October, additional outreach efforts are planned, including social media engagement, website content, and events to promote cybersecurity best practices. Kalyani invited all participants to share prepared messages within their communities. Deepa closed the discussion by emphasizing the importance of leveraging social media for visibility and thanked all contributors for their roles in advancing cybersecurity across the university's three campuses.
7	**Any Other business** None
8	**Closing Remarks:** The chair thanked members and guests for their time and commitment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.