

# Draft Minutes

Meeting: Special Session of the Information Security Council (FV)

Date & Time: Friday, July 30, 2020 (3:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

VIRTUAL MEETING

Location:

## CHAIR:

Ron Deibert

## ATTENDEES:

Luke Barber, Heidi Bohaker, Rafael Eskenazi, Alán Aspuru-Guzik, , Sian Meikle, Andrew Petersen, Zoran Piljevic, Leslie Shade, Isaac Straley (**Co-Chair**), Michael Stumm, Michael Wiseman

## REGRETS:

Sam Chan, Bo Wandschneider

## NOTE TAKER:

Andrea Eccleston

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1	The special session of the ISC convened at 3:05 p.m. with Committee Chair Ron Deibert presiding. The Chair welcomed all attending members.
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2	<p><b><u>Risk Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>Isaac S informed the Council that the purpose of the meeting is to talk about the security risks for individuals residing in other countries with a focus on the instruction landscape. He updated on the service provider engaged to allow for instruction and access to technology resources for students residing in mainland China. He added that UofT is part of a consortium with respect to this solution.</p>
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**Discussion on the technical aspects - white and blacklists.**

Isaac S also provided an overview of the service in terms of the architecture. The Council discussed the operating environment and the risks around credentials and filtering.

**ACTION ITEM:**

**Isaac S to get more specific information about the filtering.  
To provide faculty with a comprehensive list of sites blocked by the service provider as it is important for instructors to be aware of the scope of the restriction.**

The Council also discussed a number of issues with respect to the authentication process, academic freedom and the need to consider measures that should be taken to provide alternative choice of

course for students located in authoritarian regimes and the need to have contingency plans to address arising issues.

**ACTION ITEM:**

1. The Council agreed that there is the need for the university have a robust discussion on the impact of this new international teaching model with respect to teaching and research. The ISC agreed to formulate a letter to senior administrators.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.