FY26 ITSC October 13 NOTES

Co-Chairs:

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The meeting started with a reminder from Stacy Cahill, the CISO at UMBC, that October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month - Stacy

Update on AI Task Force Report - Dr. Joshi -
The AI Task Force report is online now. Dr. Joshi offered to present the conclusion to the shared governance committees. Maybe NESS can invite him to the November or December meeting.
The guiding principles of the AI Task Force report are: Human agency first; governance to guide AI adaptation; inclusive excellence; data privacy and regulatory compliance; recognition of faculty and staff labor.
The AI Task Force recommends some kind of UMBC AI governance board that reports to the USC. Another question that came up was: how do we launch training for staff in AI? According to Dr. Joshi, a simple training for anyone who wants to attend could start asap.

Update on Assured Access to Computing discussions - John Fritz
John presented the results from a Poll about “Are your students “Tech Ready”?.
Today all new students get an email from enrollment on how to acquire the required technology before starting at UMBC.
Gary pointed out that if students graduate not sufficiently prepared for the workforce, we are not serving them well, especially since we pride ourselves on serving the underprivileged community.

November 1 requires annually updating the USM Software Portfolio page with what UMBC has licensed. The new State of Maryland Security plan requires that all external applications have an authorization to operate (ATO). This year, the CISO, Stacy Cahill, will work to put each SaaS system in the appropriate risk category (high, medium, low) and develop appropriate criteria for approving ATO for each SaaS.
For FY28, we will be using that process for the USM Software Portfolio.