UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

FOR INFORMATION

DATE OF MEETING: January 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Randomization of NSID's

SUMMARY:

During the Council meeting held on December 19, 2024, a member noted that a large percentage of individuals on campus do not have random NSID's. When did the randomization start, what is the percentage of random versus not? Jon Coller, Chief Information Security Officer, IT Security, Risk and Compliance provided the following response:

Most of the identities at USask would have been assigned based on the older deterministic format using the user's initials. This format has been in place since the late 90s/early 00s but changed to a randomized identifier starting in Spring 2020. As NSIDs are immutable (or at least VERY hard to change), any user associated with the university before that point would have an initial-based NSID.