



Connecticut Higher Ed Roundtable for Information Security (CHERIS)

Advisory Council Charge

Connecticut Higher Education Roundtable on Information Security (CHERIS) is a forum of Higher Education IT security professionals that meets quarterly to collaborate on IT solutions, discuss best practices, and share security challenges. CHERIS was founded in 2012 by UConn and Quinnipiac University. In 2022, after years of inactivity and at the request of CCSU, ECSU, and Wesleyan, CEN re-chartered and re-started the roundtable and committed to providing administrative support to the co-chairs on a go forward basis, as well as help sustain the co-chair roles over time.

Group Charge and Purpose

- Provide leadership and insight for the development and sharing of information security challenges and solutions.
- Provide thought leadership on how to develop an informed and technically sound community of practitioners.
- Serve as the primary source for higher-ed infosec and/or cybersecurity content, awareness, and engagement.
- Help identify, advocate, and aggregate the professional development needs of the CHERIS community.
- Ensure committee programming is aligned with member, state, and/or federal goals and objectives.
- Where possible and practicable, physically host and/or facilitate workshops and formal classes.
- Share resources, tools, and techniques to advance infosec and cybersecurity objectives set by the group.
- Help document the group's activities for insertion into reporting activities such as the CEN Annual Report.

Advisory Group General Info

- This group is open to higher education institutions in CT.
- The group will be chaired, and/or co-chaired by its members.
- 1 year commitment as chairs, no term limits, elections for chairs as needed.
- CEN will provide a repository for agendas, minutes, communication app channel, and associated documents.
- Advisory group structure will be visited annually for effectiveness and efficiency.
- Meeting frequency is quarterly.
- Value added resellers (VAR) and original equipment manufacturers (OEM) are welcome on an invite only basis.

Individual Responsibilities

- Actively and consistently participate in meetings and supporting activities.
- Maintain confidentiality of the group members and individual institutions they represent.
- Identify issues related to broadband connectivity, information security and/or cyber security.
- Communicate and enable feedback from the member stakeholder community about CHERIS activities.
- Advocate for CEN services and aggregation model, where appropriate, with constituent and stakeholder groups.