



# Connecticut Higher Education Roundtable for Information Security (CHERIS)

**Date:** Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**Time:** 10am-2pm  
**Location:** CCSU – CT Room  
Memorial Hall (1615 Stanley  
Street)

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**Chair(s):** Owen Brandt, Vince Spiars, Bradley Tudisca

**Note Taker:** Paul Tarsa

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| <b>Attendees:</b> | David Mikhail    | Albertus Magnus     | Kristen Eshleman | Trinity College     |
|                   | Chad Albert      | CCSU                | Chris Bernard    | UConn               |
|                   | George Claffey   | CCSU                | Joel Duffy       | UHart               |
|                   | Charles Greene   | CCSU                | Greg Friedline   | UHart               |
|                   | Sean McNickle    | CCSU                | Greg Bartholomew | UNH                 |
|                   | Bradley Tudisca  | CCSU                | Ethaline Rollins | WCSU                |
|                   | Douglas Salvas   | COSC                | Richard Parmalee | WCSU                |
|                   | Tyler Campbell   | Conn College        |                  |                     |
|                   | Ryan Kocsondy    | CEN                 |                  |                     |
|                   | Paul Tarsa       | CEN                 |                  |                     |
|                   | Sherry Pesino    | CSCU                |                  |                     |
|                   | Owen Brandt      | ECSU                |                  |                     |
|                   | Jonathan Garbutt | SCSU                |                  |                     |
|                   | Rusty May        | SCSU                |                  |                     |

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## Agenda Items

- Welcome
  - Intro from George Claffey (CCSU CIO)
  - Intro from Ryan Kocsondy (Director CEN)
  - Owen and Bradley (Introductions and meeting kick-off)
- Review CHERIS Charter – Adopt and edit if needed
  - Adopted as is, will be available on the CHERIS site (<https://ctedunet.net/cheris/>)
- Un-Conference (Breakout groups, rotational 4 questions)
  1. What Cyber Security thing/risk keeps you up at night?
    - i. End Users
      - Life Cycle Management
      - IAM
      - BYOD
    - ii. Cyber Insurance
      - Compliance
      - Regulations
      - GDPR
    - iii. Resource Constraints
      - Staff
      - Equipment
      - Funding
      - High Turnover of Existing Staff
    - iv. Security Breaches
    - v. Info Sec Training

- vi. Incident Response
    - Communication
  - vii. Network Visibility
    - Shadow IT
    - Shadow DB
  - viii. Data Retention
    - User Data
    - Lawful data retention policies
    - DLP
2. What do you want to get out of CHERIS?
- i. Guest Speakers:
    - Government Speakers (FBI, REN-ISAC, CTIC, National Guard, Homeland Security, State Police Computer Crimes Division)
    - Private Companies (Vendors) [Gray Castle, CrowdStrike, Fortinet, Palo Alto]
    - Educause
  - ii. Collaboration with out of state higher ed peers (utilize Educause)
  - iii. State of CT Legislative Lobbying for fund appropriations
  - iv. Group Collaboration
    - Review Best Practices
    - Common Benchmarking (Surveying each other)
    - Vendor Discounting (Bulk purchasing)
    - Mutual Aid
    - Advising
    - Group Training Opportunities
    - Assistance with non-security IT teams (systems, networking, programming, etc...)
  - v. Policy Acceptance (How have people gotten acceptance for changes amongst their internal campus community)
  - vi. IM Channel will be established on Slack - [https://join.slack.com/t/cherisct/shared\\_invite/zt-1k7veqq1e-4PZT66vLOYx4EB1gtYt3Gg](https://join.slack.com/t/cherisct/shared_invite/zt-1k7veqq1e-4PZT66vLOYx4EB1gtYt3Gg) (link expires in 20 days from 12/1/22)

The Group mentioned doing a cyber training course/path for students and having the students participate (both through K-12 and students in their respective communities)

3. What new services, solutions, or capabilities could help you create opportunities or address challenges faced by your institution?
- i. Resource Planning
    - Staffing
    - Training
    - Tabletop Exercises
  - ii. SOC/Proactive Alerting/Automation
  - iii. Pipeline for building security professionals in the K-12 space
    - NIST NICE program (<https://bit.ly/3VbnH8A>)
    - Workforce Development
  - iv. Education Specific Implementations and Standards (not just following NIST standards)
  - v. Pre-vetting solutions before widescale implementation
  - vi. Standard Toolsets
    - Vulnerability Management and Prioritization
    - Guest Access and Role Based Access
    - MFA (Phish resistant)
    - System of Record integration
    - Encryption (at rest and in transit)
    - Cloud Based Storage + Backups
    - Eliminate Customizations

4. If there was one service you would like to see CEN help deliver, to raise the baseline of security for your institution, what would that be?
  - i. VCISO
  - ii. SOC (Common Toolsets, Logs vs. Packets, Contracts, IR Team)
  - iii. Shared Managed Services
  - iv. Pen Testing and Vulnerability Scanning
  - v. Cyber Insurance
    - Awareness
    - Issues
    - Strategies
  - vi. Vendor Risk Management (List of trusted partners)
  - vii. IR Tabletops (Training opportunities)
  - viii. Post Incident Reviews
    - Create playbooks to help with future events
  - ix. SME Training
  - x. Crowdstrike licensing
- Break for Lunch
- Review the answers to the questions, planning next meeting

End around 2p.m.