

Virginia Tech's Subcommittee for IT Security

Meeting Details

- Date and Time: May 8, 2013 | 4pm to 5pm
- Location: Andrews Information Systems Building | Room 208

Attendees

- Present
 - Randy Marchany
 - Mary Dunker
 - Al Cooper
 - Dale Pokorski
 - Sandy Power
 - Karen Herrington
 - Malcolm Beckett
- Not Present
 - Dominik Borkowski

Agenda

A formal agenda was set by Mary Dunker and Randy Marchany prior to the meeting. Agenda Items included:

- Agenda bashing
- Discussion on possible committee membership and term limits
- Discussion on regular meeting schedule
- Discussion on ED-AUTH and using CAS
- Open Discussion

Agenda Bashing

Mary Dunker stated the proposed agenda to the group. The group did not object and the meeting proceeded. Some members of the committee asked about the Charge and purpose of the committee. The committee was read the Charge of the committee as displayed on http://security.vt.edu/resources_and_information/subcommittee_for_itsecurity.html.

Discussion of the Possible Committee Membership and Term Limits

Mary Dunker started a discussion about adding new membership and appropriate term limits of the committee. Dale Pokorski forwarded the idea that it may be good to have representation from academic units. Dale felt that stakeholder perceptions about security issues were different among academic units and may benefit from representation from the committee. Possible academic areas included College of Business and College of Veterinary Medicine. Individual names were also submitted. These names were Allen Campbell (Finance Information Technology), Jerrad Meirs (University Development), and Brett

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Besag (CLAHS). It was also agreed that the committee needed student representation. Mary and Al Cooper discussed a previous attempt to have student representation. Al stated that the perspective student member was an active student.

Mary Dunker brought forward discussion of term limits but a group consensus did not emerge.

Discussion of Regular Meeting Schedules

Mary Dunker addressed the agenda item of scheduling regular meetings. Mary stated that the group had failed to meet on a regular basis. Mary asked the group if they had an opinion if the group should meet quarterly or every 6 months. Dale Pokorski agreed with Mary on the importance of scheduling regular meetings. There was not a group consensus about meeting intervals. Mary suggested that the subcommittee should meet every 6 months and that there should be an attempt to put the meeting on calendar

Discussion of ED-AUTH Project

Mary Dunker discussed the restricting ED-AUTH and using CAS. Mary gave a quick history of the project to restrict ED-AUTH in an effort to secure passwords. She stated that Daniel Fisher has been helping to move groups to CAS from ED-AUTH and that the project was moving to the departmental level. She also stated that Central IT has converted many of its applications. Mary stated that it could take 5 years to lock down the ED-Auth service.

Dale Pokorski stated that CAS is not a perfect solution for everything. Mary stated that they would continue to search for solutions for client based application

Open Discussion

Some topics were submitted by Subcommittee members for discussion. The topics included:

- Randy Marchany shared with the committee information about ITSO's sensor network, threat discovery, and mitigation process.
- Randy announced that Virginia Tech was hosting SANS 505 Securing Windows and Resisting Malware course during the week of May 20-25th.
- Dale Pokorski expressed concern about Hokie and PID password annual expirations. Karen Herrington mentioned that the CAS login in window will display a password expiration countdown to help remind users of their password's lifetime.
- Karen Herrington talked about issue of passwords for sponsored Hokies accounts and how they could not be changed by the user.
- Karen Herrington shared that she thought there should be a sponsor role in AD admin and that she has put the feature request in. Dale said she would mention this at the next OU meeting.

Action Items

- The group decided that a meeting should be scheduled for October.
- The group's chairs would invite new committee members.