CoALS Technology Security Committee
August 19th, 2021
_1:00 p.m._

Attendance:

Members			
Kerry Pickens - Chair (Manager Policy & Compliance)	Tim Ramsey (Associate Director of IT)	Mitchell Morgan (Manager Service Area 3)	Keith Wicker (Information Security Officer)
Gene Curtiss (Manager Systems & Infrastructure)	Barry Stratta (Manager Software & Applications)	Sushant Patil (Security Analyst – Security & Risk)	Michael R. Foggitt (System Administrator II)
Omar Valenzuela (IT Manager II)	_ name (Title)	_	_ name (Title)

Also in Attendance:

Minutes

Item 1:   **Approval of Minutes**
Description: Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Item 2:   **Lessons Learned (10 mins)**
Description: As applicable from recent activities

Key Points 2021 Risk Assessment
Had 151 Findings and Remediations
- Disaster Recovery Planning – DR Plan, Incident Response Team, Business Impact Analysis, Backup Recovery as DR Exercises
  - Across all categories these were the most common
  - Others: Idle Session Control, Password Complexity, Unattended Control, University Supplied Anti-Malware, External Applications
  - Disaster Recovery plans have been made and are being refined currently with inputs from other stakeholders
  - An IR Plan will be made with inputs from Infra team and IT team will be a part of it
- Application Assessments
  - Security on applications will be making sure users are following policy for password expirations and complexity
  - Being on compliant server technology, need a secure environment for what the application is running on
- Database Assessments
- Access Control and Identify Management
  - Ivanti
- Jamf mobile device end point protection (For more info: https://www.pbs.org/show/technically-speaking-tv/)
  - Company that makes two software – Jamf Pro and Jamf
    - Jamf Pro could be used as an application by system administrators to configure and automate IT tasks on macOS, iOS, iPadOS, and tvOS
  - Help to configure applications and control MAC devices across AgriLife
    - Mac endpoint compliance
    - To control Mac applications within AgriLife
    - To prevent macOS malware
    - Detect and remediate Mac specific threats
  - Endpoint Protection

Item 3:   **New Business / Special Topics (15 mins)**
Presenter: Kerry Pickens
- Non IT Professional Assessment has been postponed until after the domain migration
- Met with Craig Wellington at AG Economic Institute to discuss new process for handling security alerts from TAMU IT

- Met with Eric Brenner from Coffee Research and Education
  - Does not have a lot of needs as far as CoALS goes but does have some research needs - does a lot of research with farmers and central America
    - They collect paper data/records, so they don't have a way to do statistical analysis because of this and do not have a good system for managing their data
- Met with Dr Ong, Dr Pierson, Dr Gonzalez and Krista at PLPM. Followed up with Tim and Aaron on list of issues identified.
  - Will follow up with Dr Pierson on Business Impact Analysis.
  - Many federal grants require that they have DR plans on file so the researchers are very familiar with DR planning
  - Problem they are having is with their email, possible problem is identity management: faculty do not have access to schedule meetings at PLPM anymore
- Scheduling meeting with Dr. Chappell at PLMN.
- Need policy on printer management. May be outsourced in the future.
- Need committee similar to TAMU IT Audiovisual Surveillance Technology (AVST) Committee. Need members from Facilities and Environmental Services
  https://it.tamu.edu/services/security/physical-security/surveillance-cameras/
  https://assets.system.tamus.edu/files/policy/pdf/SecurityStandards/Physical_and_Environmental.pdf

The System and its members strive to provide a secure environment for campus communities and to protect state property. One means to ensure a secure environment is through audiovisual surveillance technology. However, such technologies must be used responsibly and within the intended scope of the purpose for their deployment.

Item 5:   **Action Item Summary**
Description: List of action items, assignee, objective, due date.
  A. DR Exercise Planning – Sushant
  B. Working on Business Impact Analysis with IT managers and DH
  C. Scheduling meetings will all departments by end of calendar year
  D. Continue to prioritize and reprioritize remediations
  E. Barry to follow up with Transportation Services about Surveillance cameras
  F. Need to recruit more faculty members

Item 6:   **Close**
Description: Adjourn meeting on time noting actions and conclusions of meeting.