



KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting

November 20, 2024

Attending in person:

- Robert Bridges
- Carla Budinsky
- Ryan Capps
- Sarah Cooper (proxy for Kelley Price)
- Rebecca Cox
- Molly First
- Amonte Hampton
- Lindsey Jefferson
- Aimee Kane
- Mark Kirkley
- Lynn Kunkel
- Melissa Lappe
- Andrew McCanless
- Shelina Munoz
- Qing Qing Norris
- Caitlin O'Kelley
- Sylvia Okonkwo
- Susanne Rothery
- Donald Spencer
- Patrick Steimer
- Trudi Vaughan

Attending online:

- Sanjoosh Akkineni
- Michael Stephens (proxy for Savannah Lockman)
- Jacqueline Winters-Allen
- Janice Malone

Not in attendance / no proxy:

- Hadley Cottingham
- Dana King
- Claire Rutte
- Joshua Davis
- Karen McDonnell
- Brittany Scott

Guests:

- Stephen Gay
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Meeting called to order.

- October 2024 minutes reviewed and approved with edits

Guest Speaker: Stephen Gay, Executive Director of Cybersecurity (see attachment)

Other notes:

- Cybersecurity assesses themselves twice a year
- Average of 130 students per semester with academic misconduct
- Duo is going away – moving to Microsoft authenticator
 - Some countries can't authenticate with Microsoft due to contracts/ITAR restricted countries
- Cyberattacks are increasing against students
- Text is insecure; many schools have been attacked using SMS
- How can Staff Senate help? Stay diligent!

Old Business:

- Vote for how to conduct meetings for the rest of the academic year:
 - Continue alternating between Kennesaw and Marietta Campuses (5 votes)
 - Have a physical meeting place on each campus (15 votes)
 - Only Teams meetings (3 votes)

- Rob will set up reservations for meeting places on both campuses
- There will always be an option to join the meeting online
- Rob will alternate between locations each month

For further discussion: Do we want to change the July meeting to orientation for new senators only and then have a big meeting with everyone?

New Business:

- Shirts with Staff Senate logo? Rob will check prices for polos and t-shirts.
- Staff engagement ideas:
 - Scavenger hunt across campus
 - Guess where a picture was taken on campus

Committee reports:

- Community Impact Committee:
 - Care Services handout (attached)
 - Packing the Holiday Boxes at the December Staff Senate meeting
- House Committee:
 - Fundraising (e.g. Shamrocks) go into the scholarship account, not the account that is funded every year by KSU; currently has \$3029
 - \$1200 is currently in the account that is funded every year
 - Approvals in the system still not correct - software broken, ticket submitted
 - We have 2 Foundation accounts, the Scholarship acct, the University account, and the Staff Senate Conference account
- Communication and Collaboration Committee:
 - Taking photos today for the website
 - We need to spread awareness of Staff Senate and initiatives on campus
 - The updated roster will be put on the website
 - The Staff Scholarship page shows old data, need to advertise
- Staff Engagement and Recognition Committee:
 - Karen is taking over scholarship information
 - We need Star Staff nominations
- Staff Impact Committee: nothing to report

Open Forum

- Lots of construction/improvements happening on campus
 - The new baseball stadium will be open by next season
- Andy: donuts/coffee at meetings?
 - We can invoice the cost against our Foundation account
- The scholarship application window is opening in December

Motion to close meeting made and seconded.

Meeting adjourned.



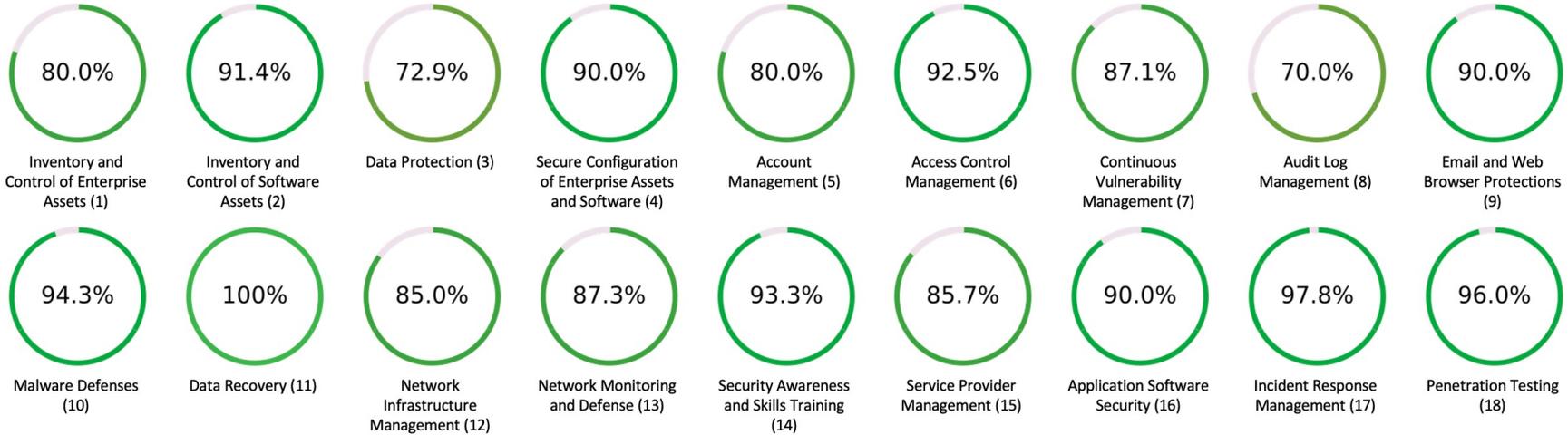
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KSU Cybersecurity Program Report

Fall 2024

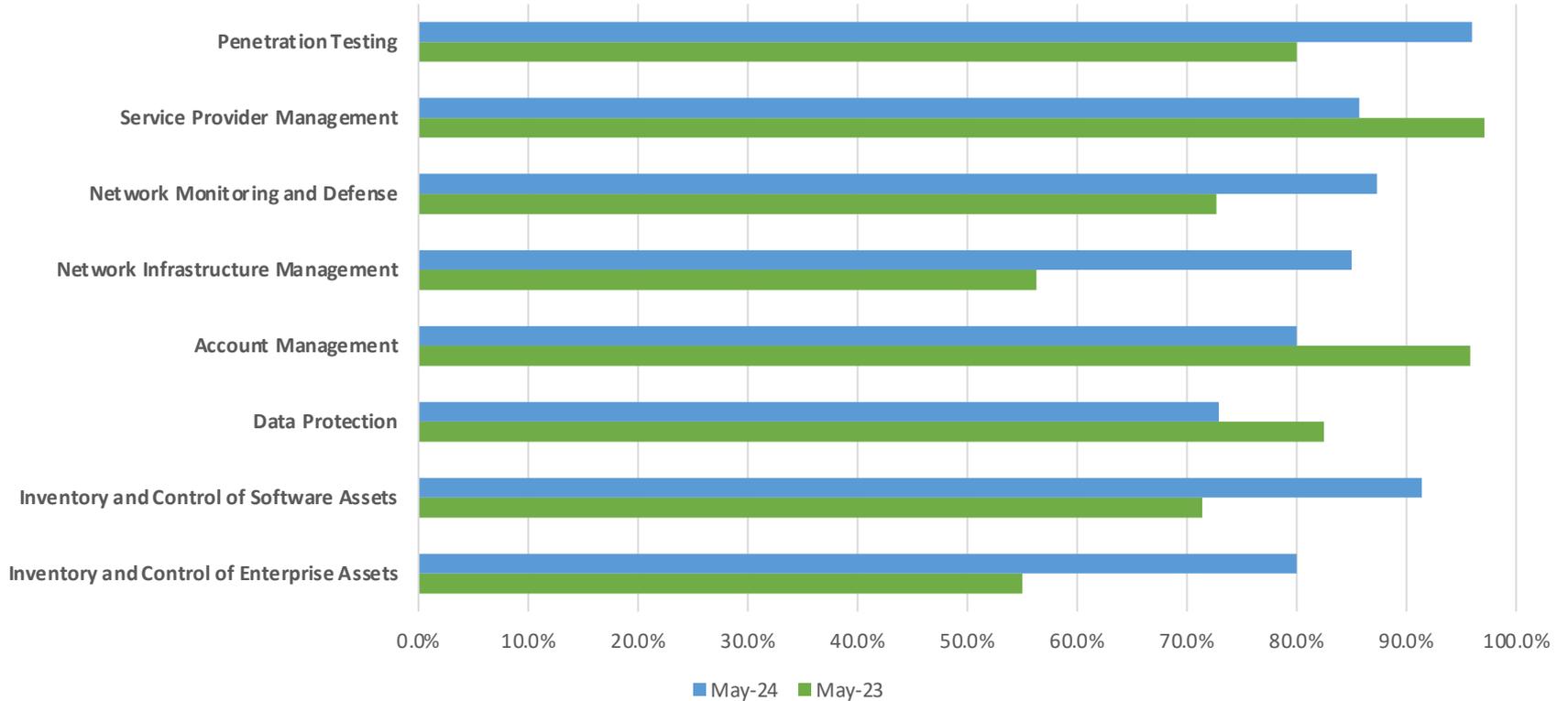
KSU Staff Senate Meeting, 11/20/2024

KSU Cybersecurity Program Assessment, May 2024



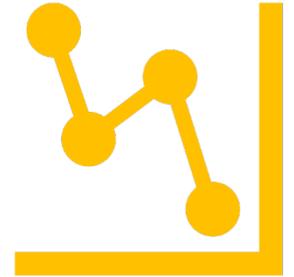
Overall score: 88%

KSU CIS18- Domains with an increase/decrease of greater than 10% (2023 - 2024)



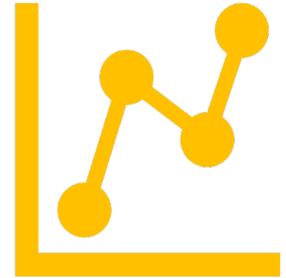
A Closer Look: Account Management

- 16.5% decrease in control maturity
 - Disclosure around legacy active directory course groups
 - Continued suspicious account activity
- Action Plan:
 - Architect and deploy a modern identity management system
 - Microsoft Entra ID
 - Microsoft Authenticator



A Closer Look: Penetration Testing

- 20% Increase in control maturity
 - Contributing factors
 - External Penetration Testing
 - Abira (2023)
 - Mandiant (2024)
 - Transition to ongoing vulnerability management process
- Next steps:
 - Growing internal capabilities for penetration testing
 - Partnering with academic departments to provide supervised opportunities for penetration testing



Selected 2024 Initiatives

- Mandiant penetration test and assessment
- Migration to cloud-based security intelligence and event management system
- Extending vulnerability management processes to include:
 - New tools (network sensors, Microsoft Defender)
 - New partners (Additional Academic Units, Application Development, Database Management)
- Advancing the complexity and frequency of self-phishing campaigns
- Microsoft Data Loss Prevention design, testing and staged deployment



Overall Cybersecurity Trends, 2024

- AI is increasingly transforming how people work
- Users are suffering from multi-factor authentication fatigue, resulting in incidents
- Cyberattacks on students are increasing and attacks are increasingly complex
- Gaps in workforce development continue to impact institutions
- State and federal regulatory landscapes continue to evolve

Sources: [2024 Educause Horizon Report](#)
[Verizon 2024 Data Breach Investigations Report](#)

Closing thought:

We are eager to collaborate with departments around campus to improve our cybersecurity program.



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CARE Services

Holiday Drives

Help CARE Services by participating in one of our annual holiday drives supporting KSU students!

Scan the QR codes for links to Amazon Wishlists.



Holiday Wishes

Sponsor a CARE student's holiday wishlist! Students receive wrapped gifts to help celebrate the holiday season!



Holiday Boxes

Help CARE Services collect items to pack holiday boxes to distribute to students during the weeks campus services are closed.

Questions? Contact us at:
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Holiday Wishes

Sponsor an ASCEND student's holiday wishlist!



Gifts are delivered to CARE Services, where they are wrapped and placed under the tree to be opened during the Holiday Party! To ensure items are delivered in time for the party, the wishlist will close on 12/1.



Scan the QR code to access the list!

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CARE Services

Holiday Box Drive

Help CARE Services collect items for holiday boxes to distribute to students during the weeks campus services are closed! Please note, many on-campus students have access to only a microwave for cooking/heating food.

ITEMS NEEDED



Non-perishable meals in microwaveable containers:

- Soup
- Pasta
- Ramen
- Rice



Walmart Gift Cards for the purchase of perishable items



Travel-size soap, shampoo, etc.



Cans with "pop tab" lids:

- Chicken
- Tuna
- Fruit



Sweet Treats



Small Boxes:

- Crackers
- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal



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