

# Charter of the SLAC Computer Security Committee (CSC)

## Purpose

The Computer Security Committee (CSC) is an official committee created by the SLAC IT and Scientific Computing sub-councils. The CSC ensures communication between SLAC directorates and users and the Computer Security Team for matters related to computer security and advises the SLAC Computer Security Officer (CSO) and the SLAC CIO on computer security issues relating to existing or new threats and to existing or new systems or applications. Members of the committee are expected to aid and assist in handling and resolution of security incidents occurring within their area and to aid and assist in designing appropriate security controls for systems in their area. The CSC provides computer security related input into the SLAC IT and Scientific Computing sub-councils processes for priority setting in the context of the laboratory's budgets, and provides feedback to both sub-councils, the CSO and the SLAC CIO on the satisfaction with the Computer Security team's operational and programmatic execution of its mission.

As a primarily technical body, the CSC is chaired by the SLAC CSO to keep the committee focused on computer security requirements, methodologies and practices as they apply to SLAC and on evolving threats and technologies to address those threats. Security issues or concerns about the Computer Security team's execution of its mission that are not adequately addressed by the CSC may also be brought to the IT or Scientific computing sub-councils.

## Membership

Members of the CSC are appointed by the sub-councils as a formal representative of their Directorate or user group. Ongoing familiarity with computer security-related requirements of their area is a required core competency. Members are empowered and expected to develop recommendations with their fellow committee members on appropriate responses to threats and requirements, consulting with their directorate as necessary. While members will understand and fully represent their own organization's requirements, they will also be expected to balance these with the requirements of whole Laboratory and the need to provide appropriate protection consistent with legal and contractual constraints. Attendance at meetings by the members and the CSO is considered mandatory, designees are permitted when necessary. The Computer Security team and other subject matter experts within the IT organization are expected to attend meetings as often as possible.

The CSC is expected to meet as needed; normally, at least monthly.

## Responsibilities

The CSC will:

- Serve as the principal communications conduit for organizational and user-driven requirements or ideas for current and future computer security implementation of controls with respect to existing or new threats and regarding existing or new systems or applications
- Serve as a conduit for SLAC-wide education about cyber security
- Interact with other committee members and the Computer Security Team regarding opportunities afforded by proposed initiatives and developing technologies
- Provide input on the Computer Security area of the Operations Directorate involving resource requirements and mission impact statements along with progress updates
- Serve as a point of contact within their area (Directorate or user group) to aid and assist in the handling and resolution of computer security incidents
- Provide input into the sub-councils' processes for priority setting in the context of the Laboratory direct and indirect budget
- Provide input on satisfaction with the Computer Security Team's operational and programmatic execution of its mission