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Ransom-Ware Survey

Professor Chiasson from Computer Science and members of Carleton's Usable Security lab (CHORUS) are conducting a study to understand the effects of the recent network interruption on the Carleton community. They are looking for feedback on its impact and perceptions of the event. Were you affected by

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CUASA with a cease-and-desist template that you can request from CUASA. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact CUASA for a copy of the letter.

this interruption? Did you lose important data? Were you unable to access Carleton systems? Were you concerned? Then, they want to hear from you! There are two ways to participate: an online survey and/or an interview:

ONLINE SURVEY:

If you are interested in participating, please complete the online survey (15-30 minutes) at: cuhealth.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eKcG1cj20OKv7QF. There is no compensation for the completing the survey. You may skip questions if you are uncomfortable with them, but must click through to the final page of the survey to submit your responses, otherwise they will not be saved.

INTERVIEW STUDY:

Participants will take part in a 30-90 minute interview (most are on the shorter side) on campus and be compensated \$20 for your time.

If you are interested in participating in the interview or have any questions about either study, please contact: choruslab@scs.carleton.ca. To participate in either study, you must be at least 18 years old, English-speaking, and a Carleton student, staff, or faculty. This research has been cleared by the Carleton University Research Ethics Board (CUREB-B), REB clearance #106222. If you have concerns about the ethics of this research, please contact ethics@carleton.ca.

Have your course materials been posted online WITHOUT your permission?

Your course materials – be they lecture slides, exams, etc. – may find their way to websites, to be distributed or sold to others without your permission. As this seems to be a growing trend, the university's legal counsel agreed to provide

The Collective Bargaining Committee wants to meet with your unit

The current CUASA collective agreement expires on April 30, 2017. If you have concerns about what is in the current agreement or opinions about what should appear in a new collective agreement, CUASA's Collective Bargaining committee wants to hear from you. In addition to individual comments, the Collective Bargaining committee is scheduling two different types of meetings. First, departments/units can (and should, if they are comfortable doing it openly) ask for members of the Collective Bargaining committee to come to their department/unit meetings to talk with them about issues in the collective agreement that are pertinent to their specific units. Second, the Collective Bargaining committee will be holding a series of meetings for members on specific topics, such as tenure and promotion, salary and benefits, etc. Please stay tuned for more details or contact CUASA to request specific topics. Then please bring your ideas to these important ad hoc consultations.

Long-Term Disability (LTD) Premiums

The university recently announced that Great West Life was increasing the Long-Term Disability (LTD) premium rate by 10%, up to 0.884% of pay. The rate that CUASA members will pay, however, will decrease by 10% for this coming year, down to 0.543% of pay. Thus, while premiums are going up, CUASA has negotiated a premium rate decrease on behalf of our members for the coming year.

Student Evaluations

The default is that Student Evaluations are now done online UNLESS you request old-fashioned paper evaluations via the OIRP website, which you have the right to choose. Participation rates are greater for online surveys, but you also take the risk of having students evaluate you that do not attend class. Apart from the numerical scores, generally, written comments tend to be more human and more extensive than online evaluations, often containing lovely and helpful sketches and cartoons. The issue has also been raised regarding perceived equity concerns about online administration of student teaching evaluations (e.g. [MacNeil 2014 Innovative Higher Education](#)). When in doubt, CUASA recommends that you **opt for paper evaluations**. The personalized link for obtaining paper evaluations can be found in an e-mail sent to you from Carleton University titled: "Teaching Evaluation Delivery Medium Selection". Once you receive this email message, you will need to access the site to OPT IN to PAPER evaluations. Please ensure that you visit the website and opt in, as the default is online evaluations (doing nothing means you get

online evaluations).

General Membership Meeting

CUASA will have its next General Membership meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 11:30 am - 1:30 p.m. in Dunton Tower, room 2017. Lunch will be provided. Hope to see you there!

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