

Sen. Lee acknowledged the role that UMUC played in setting up the meeting as well as Zenita Hurley and Sachin Bhatt of the state Attorney General's office for their role.

The key to cybersecurity is making sure the laws keep up with the technological changes, she said. The Council came about because of the federal government's failure to pass any meaningful cybersecurity legislation. The Maryland Assembly enacted its own legislation in 2011. It created a cybersecurity commission that helped the Assembly pass bills that protected state databases and created a notification system to alert everyone to any breaches.

All of the bills have been piecemeal, she said, but the threat requires a comprehensive approach that brings all of the stakeholders together. That led to the creation of the Council that would fall under the jurisdiction of the state attorney general.

Its role, she said, is to conduct reviews and risk assessments of critical infrastructures vulnerable to cyber attacks that are not covered under federal law or federal executive orders. These would come up with best practices and standards following what NISC has recommended.

She welcomed federal partners in this because the state cannot do it alone.

Among the subcommittees she would like to see included in the Council are Cyber Legal Strategy, Structure and Practices Workforce Education and Development, Marketing and Partnerships.

In the absence of the Attorney General, Chairman Fry can designate who is assigned to each committee based on expertise and interests, she said Members can serve on more than one subcommittee.

She said the new Council would hold a reception at the beginning of the legislative session to help educate legislators about the needs for cybersecurity legislation. Dr. Vint Cerf has agreed to be at the reception as he is being honored by the Assembly.

UMUC Cybersecurity Programs

Dr. Amjad Ali stated that the Council that UMUC has responded to the shortage of cybersecurity professionals by creating seven different cybersecurity programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Since 2010, UMUC has graduated more than 4000 cybersecurity professionals and currently more than 8,000 are enrolled in those programs.

He said the university has formed a cyber team called the Cyber Padawans that has won several state, national and global competitions, including the 2014 Cyber Olympics in I 1n 4000 cyrweTj EMC

which subcommittees interest them. From there, the Council will designate chairs of each subcommittee.

The subcommittees will serve as the building blocks for the Council.

Ms. Leong Hong suggested that the reports of the old Commission should be made available to the new Council members to see what work has been done.

Mr. Foster cautioned that Council members should be made aware of the Freedom of Information Act and what could be made public.

Mr. Tiao suggested that experts who are not on the Council should be encouraged to be advisers to the subcommittees. He said if the subcommittees are able to put together proposals that are passed by the Assembly, Council members will be inspired to work even harder.

Mr. Quad asked the chair what success would look like?

Mr. Frosh responded that the Council will advise the government and the private sector on how to strengthen cybersecurity.

Senator Lee said the former commission had helped create several series of laws that were the first for the state. She said the purpose of this Council is to build on that momentum to come out with substantive deliverables for the state in protecting cyber and advancing it.

The meeting concluded at 11:18 a.m.