Yi-Kai,

Let's find a time for me to come over on Friday to see you. I'll ask Lisa to put something on the calendar. Thx!

Chuck

On: 19 February 2019 22:58, "Liu, Yi-Kai (Fed)" <yi-kai.liu@nist.gov> wrote:

Hi Chuck,

Thanks for your nice email! I know you're busy, and so I hadn't tried to get in touch with you yet, but yes, it would be great if we can chat briefly about the QuICS co-directorship. What time is convenient for you? The best days for me to be at NIST are Tuesdays and Fridays.

I am very supportive of QuICS, I've just been more cautious about the question of serving as co-director, because it's a more complex role. I have talked with Jake, Ron Boisvert, and Andrew Childs about it, and they've been very encouraging. I just need a bit more time to think it through.

Thanks very much!

--Yi-Kai

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From: Romine, Charles H. (Fed)
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:04 PM
To: Liu, Yi-Kai (Fed)
Subject: QuICS and future developments

YI-Kai,

I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to catch up with you at the recent QuICS stakeholder day – I had committed to staying for the entire day, but was required to return to NIST early, so I didn't get to do all the things I intended.

One of the things I wanted to talk with you about was the possibility of your taking on the added responsibility of co-Director of QuICS when Jake's term ends. I understand you've been approached about it, and I'd like to add my voice to those urging you to consider it.

I've been really excited about the developments of QuICS and the recent recommitment of UMd toward its growth and long-term future. I think quantum information science is the ideal topic for ITL to partner with UMd, since it combines the strengths of both institutions in ideal ways. I think by the time 2025 rolls around, it'll be impossible to talk about IT without talking about QIS, and I want to be sure ITL is prepared for that kind of transformation!

Your rapid development at NIST and in the community makes you an ideal choice to co-lead this important partnership for us. I think the opportunity for you to increase your (and ITL's) visibility is an exciting one, and I hope you're seriously considering it. If you'd like to talk to me about it, I'd be happy to meet with you either here at NIST or at UMd, at your convenience.

Best regards,

Chuck

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