P20W Education Standards Council
Canadian User Group
Terms of Reference

**PESC (P20W Education Standards Council)**
PESC is the professional association and international data standards-setting body for education administrators and managers.

PESC’s mission: “Through open and transparent community participation, PESC enables cost-effective connectivity between data systems to accelerate performance and service, to simplify data access and research, and to improve data quality along the education lifecycle.”

To achieve this mission, PESC organizes activities to accelerate performance and service, reduce cost, lead collaborative development, set and maintain common data standards, promote best practices, link public and private sectors, and serve as data experts.

**PESC is working to become the voice for the efficient and secure real-time exchange of student data. This includes the student’s initial access from secondary school to the college/university environment, and from completing the education experience into the workforce.**

**Canadian User Group**
As a PESC initiative comprised of volunteers, the Canadian User Group has a mandate to ensure PESC’s mission and all deliverables, including the development and release of PESC Approved Standards that support and incorporate Canadian-based stakeholder interests.

**Role:**
- Educate Canadian stakeholders while promoting the importance of data standards and interoperability, thereby avoiding duplication of effort and of data standards
- Promote PESC at members’ individual organizations and within their sectors to raise awareness of the PESC standards and how they support, enhance and simplify inter-system operability, performance and data access
- Ensure Canadian-based stakeholder interests are represented in PESC
- Serve as a PESC standards and implementation leader and resource group to all Canadian postsecondary education sector stakeholders
- Bring forward projects that will enhance the experience of students, universities, colleges, administrators and government by enabling effective data exchange across Canada in the postsecondary education sector
- Encourage participation in PESC XML workgroups developing PESC Approved Standards

**This committee will:**
- Meet via web- and teleconference, as needed, but not less than once a month
- Meet in person at semi-annual PESC Data Summits
• Have a Chair and a Vice-Chair, each of whom is from a Canadian organization that is a member of PESC

Membership:
• Open to anyone who serves in a staff or administrative role in the Canadian education system
• Open to any vendor who wants to provide input on and stay apprised of Canadian PESC activities

Partnerships:
• A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) expressing shared values and a desire to work together in the interest of strong postsecondary education relationships in Canada.

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