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National Transcript Center’s Dr. Barbara Clements
Appointed to PESC Board of Directors

Dr. Clements to Co-Chair New PESC Taxonomy Workgroup

October 9, 2005 (Washington DC) ~ The Board of Directors of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Barbara Clements to its Board of Directors effective August 29, 2006. Dr. Clements, who serves as Chief Standards Officer at the National Transcript Center (NTC), is nationally recognized for her work with education information systems. Dr. Clements is regarded as a visionary leader in the development and implementation of data standards for both PK – 12 and postsecondary education. Prior to her position at NTC, Dr. Clements served as the Vice President for Education Services for ESP Solutions Group where she led the Federal Practice Group in Washington, DC. Prior to ESP, she served as project director for the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). Dr. Clements graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, Quantitative Methods and is a licensed Spanish teacher. She was the principal architect of NTC’s data translation engine that facilitates the exchange of student record data when sending and receiving institutions use different data formats.

“You would be hard pressed to find a person that has made a bigger impact on the development and implementation of standards related to student records,” said Mark Johnson, president of NTC. “Barbara Clements was there when SPEEDE/EXPRESS was created fifteen years ago, when schools needed help complying with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and she’s there today in the development and expansion of PESC’s modern standards.”

Dr. Clements’ term on the PESC Board of Directors continues through June 30, 2007. Along with joining the PESC Board of Directors, Dr. Clements will simultaneously serve as Co-Chair of PESC’s new Taxonomy Workgroup which is launching at the PESC Fall 2006 Summit on October 23 – 24, 2006 in San Diego, CA. The Taxonomy Workgroup will be Co-Chaired by Holly Hyland, Management Analyst with the US Department of Education’s Federal Student Aid. The efforts of this group will be broken down into two phases: in phase one, the group will review the classifications of core components as listed in the XML Registry and Repository for the Education Community, to understand their structure and recommend any changes that may need to be made; in phase two, the group will expand the scope of their review to account for pK20 and recommend any changes that may need to be made.
For more information on the National Transcript Center, please visit www.TranscriptCenter.com. For more information on PESC, please visit www.PESC.org.

About the National Transcript Center
The National Transcript Center was established to improve the efficiency, reliability, cost, and security of academic transcript exchange for K–12 schools, state education agencies, colleges and universities, and co-academic organizations. Based in Austin, Texas, the National Transcript Center is a highly secure and highly scalable trading network. NTC offers privacy and identity protection that far exceeds today’s offerings.

About PESC
Established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C., the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is a non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of colleges and universities; professional and commercial organizations; data, software and service providers; and state and federal government agencies. PESC’s mission is to lead the establishment and adoption of data exchange standards in education. The goals of the mission are to enable the improvement of institutional performance and foster collaboration across educational communities in order to lower costs, improve service, and attain system interoperability.