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IPEDS XML Components for Graduation Rate Reporting Approved as PESC Community Standards

Washington, D.C. PESC - the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council is pleased to announce the release of XML components for graduation rate reporting for the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) as PESC approved community standards. All supporting standards documentation will be made available within 30 days at www.PESC.org.

Sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), IPEDS was implemented to help NCES meet its mandate to report full and complete statistics on the condition of postsecondary education in the United States. IPEDS provides NCES with the basic data needed to describe the size of the postsecondary system in terms of students enrolled, staff employed, dollars expended, and degrees earned. As of Fall 2007, the IPEDS universe contained approximately 6,800 Title-IV participating institutions, and approximately 200 non-Title-IV institutions that participate voluntarily.

IPEDS data collection currently encompasses eight survey categories. The first goal is to have PESC approved schemas for the student-based survey categories: Fall Enrollment, Twelve Month Enrollment, Completions, Graduation Rates and Student Financial Aid. The XML components for Fall Enrollment reporting were approved by PESC on August 13, 2009.

PESC members that approved the XML components for graduation rate reporting under IPEDS:

- AACRAO – American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers
- AcademyOne, Inc.
- ACT, Inc.
- California Community College System
- Central Connecticut State University
- College Board
- ConnectEdu, Inc.
- Datatel, Inc.
- Docufide, Inc.
- Emory University
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- George Washington University
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- LSAC - Law School Admission Council
- NASLA – National Association of Student Loan Administrators
- University of Illinois – Student Financial Services
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- University of Mississippi
- University of Northern Iowa
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Oregon
- USA Funds
- U.S. Department of Education
- XAP

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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 higher education lifecycle. PESC envisions national and international interoperability, that is a trustworthy, inter-connected environment built by and between communities of interest in which data flows seamlessly from one system to another and throughout the entire eco-system when and where needed without compatibility barriers but in a safe, secure, reliable, and efficient manner.

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