PESC Elects New Board of Directors

At its Annual Membership Meeting held May 2, 2005 during the 2nd Annual Conference on Technology and Standards, the Members of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) elected Jack Kramer of SunGard SCT, Dave Moldoff of Strategic Explorers, and Rick Skeel of the University of Oklahoma to join PESC’s Board of Directors. At SunGard SCT, Mr. Kramer is Senior Vice President of Solutions Architecture and Enterprise Applications. As Founder of Strategic Explorers, Mr. Moldoff serves as President and CEO and had previously served on the PESC Board of Directors. At the University of Oklahoma, Mr. Skeel is Director of Academic Records. He also serves as President-Elect of SACRAO and as long-time member of AACRAO’s SPEEDE Committee (serving as its Chair when PESC was founded).

Steve Biklen representing the National Association of Student Loan Administrators (NASLA) and Pete Nalli of Datatel Inc., both incumbents, were reelected for two years terms. Terms for these five Directors run July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

Subsequent to elections, the Board appointed Doug Falk, CIO of the National Student Clearinghouse, to complete the term of Mark Jones, who left in June and joined Anystream, Inc. Mr. Falk’s term runs through June 30, 2006.

Additionally, during its first meeting of the new fiscal year, the Board re-elected Keith Riccitelli of Sallie Mae as Chair of the Board of Directors.

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Admissions Application Workgroup Launches

Chaired by Robert Killion, Executive Director of The Common Application, and Monique Snowden, Director of IT at Texas A & M and AACRAO SPEEDE Committee Member, this workgroup kicked off through a conference call held on June 30, 2005. With 24 participants on the initial conference call, this workgroup is off to a great start! Minutes from this first meeting are on page 5 of this edition of The Standard along with details of the next call date and time.
for a sixth straight term, Pete Nalli of Datatel as Vice Chair, re-elected Steve Biklen of NASLA as Treasurer, and Jack Kramer of SunGard SCT as Secretary. The Board also formed several new committees, including a Membership Committee, Marketing Committee, Operations Committee, Funding Committee, and Strategic Deliverables Committee.

The eleven member Board of Directors is now comprised as follows:

**Steve Biklen**, *Treasurer*, NASLA
**Craig Cornell**, Bowling Green State University, representing NASFAA
**Doug Falk**, National Student Clearinghouse

**Judith Flink**, University of Illinois
**Bill Hollowskey**, Oracle Corporation
**Jack Kramer**, *Secretary*, SunGard SCT
**Dave Moldoff**, Strategic Explorers
**Pete Nalli**, *Vice Chair*, Datatel, Inc.
**Keith Riccitelli**, *Chair*, Sallie Mae
**Michael Sessa**, PESC Executive Director
**Rick Skeel**, University of Oklahoma, representing AACRAO

To ensure balance and even representation across the various segments of higher education, the make-up of the PESC Board of Directors is designated by PESC’s bylaws. The Board has overall authority to set PESC policies and provides direction and guidance for all activities of PESC including conferences and work conducted by the Steering Committee under the Standards Forum for Education.

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**New Members**

PESC Welcomes the following new organizations to its membership.

**Carnegie Mellon University**
PESC Contact is Daniel Kennedy, Associate Director of Enrollment Services.
www.CMU.edu

**New Jersey Statewide Transfer Initiative**
PESC Contact is John Scott, Director.
www.NJtransfer.org

**University of Alaska**
PESC Contact is Saichi Oba,
Director of Enrollment Services.
www.Alaska.edu/studentservices

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**PESC Fall 2005 Workgroup Summit**

Reminder that registration and agenda information is posted on the PESC website at http://www.pesc.org/events/wgsummit/fall2005. Please make plans now as the cutoff date for the discounted hotel rate is Monday September 19, 2005.
**FSA's Software Developer's Conference August 11**

The U.S. Department of Education’s Software Developer’s Conference will be held on August 11, 2005, at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, VA.

Since this conference is four hours long, FSA will be providing a conference call number for any attendee who wishes to call into the Conference instead of attending in person. If you wish to call into the Conference, please e-mail fsaconferences@ed.gov with the name of each person who will call into the meeting. The deadline for arranging this service is August 4, 2005.

The Conference PowerPoint presentation will be posted to http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/conferences/index.html by close of business Monday, August 8. FSA recommends that participants print these ahead of time for use during the Conference.

To register, visit http://www.register123.com/event/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x118390730c. The agenda can be found on page 14 of this edition of The Standard.

The deadline for making your sleeping room reservation has been extended to Friday, August 5. If you need a sleeping room, please call the Sheraton National directly at 1-800-325-3535 and request a room in the U.S. Department of Education’s Software Developer’s Conference room block. The discounted sleeping room rate is $119 plus 10.25% state and local taxes.

Parking is available on-site for $12.00/day; overnight parking is available for $16.00.

**FSA’s Position on Data Transport**

As an active member on many of the PESC working groups, the Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid is supportive of the PESC Data Transport Standard and is encouraged by the progress made to date. The project’s goal of creating "an industry standard for the exchange of data" aligns with Federal Student Aid's goals of improving service, reducing costs, and integrating FSA systems. We are confident that the project will provide a viable standard for the entire Higher Education community and we will continue to participate on the Data Transport Standard workgroup.

It appears that adoption of the Data Transport Standard will require major changes to FSA's Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG). We will be evaluating and possibly re-designing the SAIG as part of our strategic plan to modernize and integrate our systems and business processes, and we will include the Data Transport Standard in our evaluation. However, Federal Student Aid’s current focus is on initiatives which are underway, such as Borrower Services and ADvance, which will make significant progress in implementing our goals of improving service, reducing costs, and integrating FSA systems and processes. We are also continuing our data strategy initiative to build a common infrastructure for data and services which will include the evaluation of the Student Aid Internet Gateway.

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Technology Tidbits
and Standards Snippets

■ BBC News recently reported that by the year 2020 almost every piece of research published in the United Kingdom will be available online. And only one in 10 newly-published articles will appear in print, according to a study commissioned by the British Library.

■ Internet2 and National Lambda Rail, two nonprofit organizations that provide colleges with high-speed computer networking, are considering merging, according to a Chronicle of Higher Education article. “The goal, we believe, must be a single national entity responsible for the collective high-performance production-networking and experimental-networking needs of higher education and the larger research community,” states a report about a possible merger.

■ The Chronicle of Higher Education reports IT officials at some colleges are advising students to stop using Microsoft’s Internet Explorer, which is extremely vulnerable to computer worms and viruses, and switch to newer Web-browser programs like Firefox or Opera.

■ A recent Government Computer News article interviewing Jon ‘Maddog’ Hall, executive director of nonprofit Linux International, indicates he feels, “open source is not really about free software, it’s about choosing to hire people to support your software instead of buying commercial software. Open-source code gives you control.” To access the article, visit www.gcn.com/24_17/interview/36245-1.html

■ Both the Medical College Admission Test and the Graduate Management Admission Test are eliminating their paper versions in favor of computer formats, officials announced July 18, according to a Chronicle of Higher Education article. The Association of American Medical Colleges plans to offer the computer-based version of the MCAT, beginning in 2007. The computerized version is being offered on a trial basis in a few locations until then. The GMAT, which has been offered both on paper and by computer since 1997, will be offered only by computer starting in January.

■ Two Pittsburgh universities have unveiled a supercomputer that can perform up to 10 trillion calculations a second. Professors at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University will use the computer, called Big Ben, to develop drugs and test theories on the origins of the universe. For additional information visit http://wiredcampus.chronicle.com/2005/07/supercomputing_.html

■ Google agreed to meet with The Association of American Publishers to discuss the group’s concerns about Google’s effort to scan millions of books from university libraries and add the texts to its search engine. The meeting, between Google representatives and the group’s board of directors, took place on July 1, and officials say more meetings could follow. Representatives from the publishers’ group would not discuss details of the meeting or say whether their concerns have been allayed.

■ Bill Gates offered some predictions of the future and a defense of Microsoft’s security practices, in an exclusive interview with The Chronicle of Higher Education’s Andrea L. Foster. The interview can be accessed at http://chronicle.com/free/v51/i48/48a_02601.htm

UT Austin Internet Server ‘SPEEDEs’ Along

June 2005 volume included:

■ 58,547 TS130 transcripts
■ 48,331 TS131 acknowledgements
■ 6,851 TS997 Functional acknowledgements
■ 16,099 TS189 Admission Applications
■ 14,659 TS138 test score reports
■ 162,809 total transactions
XML Admissions Application Workgroup
Thursday, June 30
Conference Call, 2:00pm

Moderator: Michael Sessa, PESC Executive Director

Attendees: Dayna Flath – SunGard SCT
Monique Snowden, Co-Chair – Texas A&M University
Catherine Haugh– Oracle Student Systems Development
Steve Martineaux - Great Lakes Technical
Jeff Korte - Jenzabar
Rob Killion, Co-Chair – The Common Application
Adriana Farella - XAP
Bob King - Citibank
Tom Stewart - AACRAO
Mark Wysoski - SunGard Bi-tech
Chris Munson – Columbia University
Scott Rea - Dartmouth College
Gerry Hurley – College Summit
Sam McNair – The College Board
Mike Matthews – The College Board
Rajiv Kaushik – Florida State
Clare Smith-Larson – Iowa State
Robert Layton – President, KEL Group
Douglas Wofford – President, Admissions Lab
Connie Castro – Texas A&M University
Michael Sessa – PESC
Frank Innamorato - Strategic Explorers
Peggi Munkittrick – Strategic Explorers

Meeting begins with Michael Sessa introducing himself and welcoming everyone to the kickoff.

- He asked that all in attendance visit PESC website and fill out the volunteer form then send to Monique via email (monique@tamu.edu). We need to make sure we have correct name and contact information for everyone who is participating in this and future calls.

Each participant then introduced himself. Some discussion followed on the current process/step.
- The Workgroup is currently in step 1.
- Lots of time has been spent on developing the policies and procedures manual.
Chris Munson (Columbia) – We are not going to be part of the workgroup. We were just curious to know what this was about and what would be going on.

Monique – Let’s talk about what’s going on in Texas relative not only to Texas but also AACRAO and SPEEDE.

- Relative to TS189 (which is the format used for TCA);

This provides the ability to streamline processes and identify lulls in current process; It is beneficial for applicants to be able to apply to more than one school using the same application; This provides a mechanism to not only receive the data but also to import the information into other areas such as housing, scholarships, financial aid; Serves for both the freshman and graduate levels; Having a standard has value not only at national level to different organizations but also to students.

Michael asked Bob Killion to give a brief history of the Texas Common Application (TCA)

Bob Killian - The TCA was founded 30 years ago this summer (1975) by 15 schools. The hope was to create a single application that could be distributed to High School counselors for distribution to High School students. It has since grown in membership from 15 to nearly 300 schools, with the biggest growth this past decade. Still trying to define wholistic admissions – specifically what that means is still being argued, (should include at least one essay, etc.) Only have the capacity to expand to about 450 schools total. About 7 years ago, the board decided to create a common application online. About 12,000 applications were submitted the first year. This year nearly 750,000 applications were started, with about 450,000 applications actually being submitted. The biggest advantage is being able to import this data for use in other areas/databases. Only about 30-45 of the nearly 300 schools are currently using the data (import process). Most common databases used Banner, Datatel, People Soft, Recruitment Plus, Jenzabar; some use home-grown.

- The web address for the Common Application – www.commonapp.org
- The 2005/2006 Texas Common Application goes live tonight at midnight

Gerry (College Summit) – Can someone please describe what the goal is?

Monique – The goal is to identify, from an admissions application standpoint when talking about the standard, what exists out there. Admissions application is where the record begins. We are missing the middle piece that crosses over from one to the other.

Bob – Is that what you were looking for or do you want a step-by-step?

Gerry -- No, more along the lines of checking the overall goal.

Bob – The goal is to figure out a way to more easily transfer student application data from student to schools they are applying to. Reasons may be different for each school. Another goal is to streamline/facilitate the admission process, get rid of paper, minimize mistakes.

Monique – The value of the standard itself, working on a lot of different standards between admissions, financial aid, registrar. There are lots of core XML standards approved so far. We
should see how we can extend from existing standards developed to add a piece that covers admissions applications

*Catherine (Oracle) --- Do we know, or are we looking at, what standards are already out there?*

**Monique** – Yes. We need to gather information from those who are participating. Are you representing a school; what standards they may use currently. It is a lot of work. Making sure it works and it fits. We are going to be fact-finding and bringing these things together.

**Bob** – I have one thing to add to that. One thing that is fairly certain is that the final standard will be an XML standard.

**Catherine** – Yes; looking at what we use and what other regions use as a group.

**Bob** – I know of no other standard out there. That is why we want as big a group as possible so we can get as much information as possible.

**Michael** – TS 189 is out in the market currently. It can be purchased from ANCI(?). We need to look at that standard and take it into consideration and well as other standards that are out there (i.e., New Jersey Statewide Transfer Inititiative, California Schools Initiative). The more schools pulled in the better.

**Adriana (XAP)** – We had 1.3 million applications processed last year. We work with many different schools. Do you want to know what other things are being added to the current standard that we’d like to see included in the new standard?

**Question posed to the different database vendors on the call. Is the new version of Recruitment Plus in XML? Who is using XML?**

- Jenzabar rep: We are moving toward that but can’t be specific as to when.
- SCT SunGard rep: We are using XML and hope to be using standards developed in the future.
- Oracle rep: We have started using XML.

**Bob** – This also affects Financial Aid. The Department of Education (DOE) has moved to accepting XML now. Any that provide data that are at a school interacting with DOE, that department is required to interface with DOE using XML.

Everyone is doing some level of XML. Strategically, where are we going? That’s another factor to consider.

**Michael** – I would like to get someone from Datatel. They were expected to participate on this call, something must have come up.

I wonder if College.net and Embard(?) from Princeton Review are expected to participate as well?

**Michael** – Neither is a PESC member, but we would love for them to participate. You don’t have to be a PESC member to participate.
Peggy (Strategic Explorers) started by Dave Moldolf (former SCT). We will be participating. We are launching an online student website which will support the application process.

**Does anyone know someone to contact at College.net?**

**Where do we go from here?**

**Michael** - Need to start looking at the Texas version and start putting those side-by-side and start talking about the data elements; identify what’s common and what’s missing; what’s needed, what’s not.

**Monique** -- To clarify, Texas does currently use TS189.

**Michael** – The next step is to compare and contrast TS 189 and the Common application. Our hope to achieve this prior to the next call.

Michael states that Monique and Bob need to talk off-line to identify the misalignments prior to the next call.

**Bob** – We need to be sure to have enough time to look things over before supplying the information to all. I would suggest the next call to be in about 6 weeks.

**Some discussion is had about the date/time of the next conference call.**

**Monique** – I suggest the next call to be scheduled for the last week in July.

**Michael** – Our next meeting will be in Atlanta on October 10th - 11th. This will be back to back with AACRAO Technology Committee.

**Clare** – Can we make it earlier because of other PESC conference call scheduled for 4:00 EST

**Catherine** -- Can we make it earlier in the day? We are in Australia and it’s very early in the morning over here.

**Michael** – The next conference call is scheduled for 5:00 EST on Thursday, July 28th – try to keep the last Thursday of every month open for this conference call.

**Michael** – Anyone have anything else to add or ask?

**Peggy** – I would like to supply my contact info so I can be included in the next call.

**Michael** -- Please hold on to the end and I’ll go back over how to submit contact information via the volunteer form.

Call ended at about 2:58pm CST

**Next call**
The conference call hosted by PESC on Thursday July 28, 2005 at 5 PM EST. All parties interested in this development effort are welcome to join this call (dial 800-508-7631, then *9976409*).

Notes Distributed by Monique L. Snowden on 7/21/2005
LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST - Please mark your calendar for the August meeting of the Electronic Authentication Partnership (EAP) on Thursday, August 11, 2005 in San Francisco, California. The EAP will meet from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the following location:

Wells Fargo
1 Front Street, 16th Floor
San Francisco, California 94111

To allow us the opportunity to plan appropriately, please return the EAP meeting registration form to the NACHA office by Wednesday, August 3, 2005.

Dress for the meeting is business casual.

Special Note: This will be the first "Members Only" EAP meeting. This means that only dues-paying organizations may attend. If you would like information on joining the EAP or have any additional questions, please contact Donna Carter at dcarter@nacha.org or 703.561.3935.
Registration Form
Thursday, August 11, 2005
9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Wells Fargo – San Francisco, California

Please fill out the form below. If more than one person from your organization plans to attend, please have each person complete and forward the form. Thank you.

☐  I plan to attend.

Date: ________________________________

Name: ________________________________

Title: ________________________________

Organization: ________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

City/ST/ZIP: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

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E-mail: ________________________________

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2005:
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Electronic Authentication Partnership
August 11, 2005
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
San Francisco, CA

Draft Agenda

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  Registration
Coffee and pastries provided

9:00 - 9:05  Welcome
Statement of Meeting Objectives
Jane Hennessy,
Wells Fargo
EAP Chair

The morning session will provide background information for the EAP’s overall work and for pilot planning that will be conducted in the afternoon. The objectives of the meeting are to:

• Learn what is currently being done in the area of product conformance testing. This background will provide a foundation for the EAP’s pilot and future initiatives in the certification area.
• Obtain current information on states’ efforts to curb identity theft and to understand how these efforts might affect the EAP and those involved in electronic authentication.
• Gain additional insights into critical aspects of identity proofing for both individuals and businesses.
• Make concrete progress in planning for the EAP’s first pilot test, which is being conducted in conjunction with the Federation for Identity and Cross-Credentialing Systems (FiXs).
• Gain input on the advisability of creating a Technical Interoperability Work Group, which would generate standards for best approach to interfederation technical interoperability to minimize complexity at all assurance levels


Within the public and private sectors, some organizations are conducting conformance testing for identity authentication products. In anticipation of the future EAP certification initiatives, this session is designed to establish a common base of knowledge about current practices and future plans for conformance testing.

Conformance Testing for Homeland Security
Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12)
David Temoshok, GSA
EAP Vice-Chair

The Liberty Alliance’s Conformance Testing Program
Trevor Dimond
Bank of America

Plans for Conformance Testing at OASIS
Andy Moir, (invited)
Oracle

10:30 - 10:45  BREAK

10:45 – 11:15  State Identity, Identity Theft and Privacy Legislations
RJ Schlecht
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.
Stephen Wu
President and CEO
InfoSec Law Group
Many of the initiatives targeting identity theft are taking place at the state level. This session will provide an overview of some of the more significant initiatives, such as legislation specifying notification procedures for database and other security breaches.

### Schedule

**11:15 – 11:45**  
**Identity Proofing of Individuals**  
Ken Scheflen  
Senior VP and General Manager of Federal Solutions, Viisage

**11:45 – 12:15 p.m.**  
**Identity Proofing of Businesses**  
James Gross,  
SVP, eBusiness Leader  
Wells Fargo

**12:15 – 1:00**  
**LUNCH (provided)**

**1:00 – 2:30**  
**Pilot Planning**  
Jack Radzikowski,  
Northrop Grumman  
Chair, EAP Pilot Cmt.  
Iana Bohmer,  
Program Manager  
FiXs Network

During the afternoon session, participants will begin the process of planning for the first EAP pilot test. The first pilot sets a precedent for the future and paves the way for a second and third pilot by informing the process through lessons learned. The first test will be a joint initiative with the Federation for Identity and Cross-Credentialing (FiXs). To date FiXs has focused on physical access to buildings and facilities. The pilot will build on the work of FiXs and the EAP as it builds a foundation for physical access as well as logical access to computer systems, which is consistent with the goal of HSPD-12. This session will begin to identify the steps that must be taken in planning for the pilot. This session will examine:

- Pilot purpose and strategy;
- Criteria for shaping pilot activity;
- What is in a pilot plan;
- Identification of the rule sets and other documents must be aligned; and
- How success will be measured.

**2:30 – 2:45**  
**BREAK**

**2:45 – 3:25**  
**Discussion: Possible Formation of an EAP Work Group on Technical Interoperability**  
David Wasley (Invited)  
Univ. of California Berkeley  
Internet2

This session will explore whether the EAP should undertake a project to generate standards for the best approach to inter federation technical interoperability to minimize complexity at all assurance levels. Discussion will be lead by experts who have gained experience in the area through the Internet2 project.

**3:25 – 3:30**  
**Wrap Up**  
**Time, Place and Purpose of Next Meeting**  
Jane Hennessy

**3:30**  
**Adjourn**
Software Developers Conference
August 11, 2005

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Agenda

9:00 am – 9:05 am   Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am – 10:05 am  ADvance Update

10:05 am – 10:35 am NSLDS Update

10:35 am – 11:00 am Break

11:00 am – 12:00 pm COD and CPS Update

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm XML

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm  Questions and Answers
                    Wrap-up

Next Conference:    TBD
                    Manchester Grand Hyatt
                    San Diego, CA
ACCESS AND PERSISTENCE SYMPOSIUM ON SEPTEMBER 8 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance will host a symposium on September 8, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Capitol Hotel, in Washington, D.C. to honor the 40th Anniversary of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965. The symposium will review HEA’s past achievements and explore promising ways to meet its future challenges.

The central goal of HEA’s student aid programs is to reduce financial barriers for students in postsecondary education. Despite considerable effort to equalize educational opportunity, students from low- and moderate-income families are now facing record-level financial barriers in the form of work and loan, even at public colleges. As a result, income-related gaps in enrollment and degree completion could widen in the future. To explore ways to minimize these gaps, the Advisory Committee has commissioned a series of papers on access and persistence by prominent scholars, with Dr. Donald E. Heller, Associate Professor of Higher Education, The Pennsylvania State University serving as editor.

Discussions will include policy, research and practice at the federal, state, and institutional levels that will help ensure that more low- and moderate-income students have the financial opportunity to enroll and succeed in college. The Advisory Committee’s current reauthorization proposal to renew the nation’s access and persistence partnership will also be a central focus. The papers and proceedings will comprise an Advisory Committee report in Winter 2006.

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Please join us on September 8 in Washington, D.C.

Holiday Inn Capitol Hotel, Columbia Ballroom, 550 C Street, SW

For more information, please call 202-219-2099 or email: ACSFA@ed.gov