PESC Members Elect Board Members -
Board Elects Officers

At its Annual Membership Meeting, held May 1, 2006 during the 3rd Annual Conference on Technology and Standards, the Members of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) elected Leonard Gude of the University of South Florida, Brian Lecher of AES/PHEAA, and Andy Wood of Oracle Corporation to join PESC’s Board of Directors.

Mr. Gude is Director of Financial Aid at the University of South Florida and will represent the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) on the PESC Board of Directors. He is active with NASFAA, has served on its Technology Initiatives Committee since 2004, and was president of the Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA) in 2002. Mr. Lecher is the Executive Vice President of Information Technology at AES/PHEAA, a not-for-profit financial aid organization that administers the Pennsylvania state grant program and provides servicing, guaranty, origination, and secondary market services throughout the nation. Mr. Wood is a Development Director for Oracle Corporation and focuses on Architecture for Student Products. While previously part of PeopleSoft’s Campus Solutions product development team, he is currently charged with leading development efforts to create Oracle’s next generation Student Product commonly referred to as “Fusion.”

Craig Cornell of Nelnet and Judith Flink of the University of Illinois, both incumbents, were re-elected for two years terms. Mr. Cornell recently joined Nelnet as its new Director of Enrollment Services. Previously as Director of Student Financial Aid at Bowling Green State University, Mr. Cornell represented NASFAA on the PESC Board of Directors. Ms. Flink is the Executive Director of University Student Financial Services and Cashier Operations at the University of Illinois. In addition to her responsibilities at the University, she is the Vice Chairperson of the Federal Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, serves on the Governors Committee on Special Education (ISAC), is a member of the Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations (COHEAO), and served as COHEAO’s president for four years. Terms for these five
Save the Date...

FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDS: April 23-25, 2007 at the Wyndham Washington in downtown Washington DC. With Gartner already confirmed for as a featured speaker, next year’s conference is already shaping up to be an event you cannot afford to miss.

“I wanted to thank you and the entire sponsorship for the Spring Conference. This was the most interesting and useful conference I have ever attended. The combination of industries on the speaker panels provided the necessary diverse aspects to make the information valuable and applicable… I have worked outside of student aid for approximately 11 years and my recent return was 3 weeks prior to this conference. I feel that this was excellent training for me…I am learning what systems [our partners] have in place in addition to the procedures we have here then determining how we can make improvements or integrate programming to benefit the students and the schools. Again, the conference provided me with a lot of information to help answer those questions as well as which direction to go in to ask more questions.”

-- Conference Attendee, 3rd Annual Conference on Technology and Standards

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Directors run July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008.

Additionally, during its first meeting of the new fiscal year, the Board re-elected Pete Nalli of Datatel as Chair of the Board of Directors for a second straight term, Craig Cornell of Nelnet as Vice Chair for a second straight term, and Steve Biklen of the National Association of Student Loan Administrators (NASLA) as Treasurer for a fourth straight term; and, elected Dave Moldoff of AcademyOne, Inc. as Secretary.

The Board of Directors is now comprised as follows:

Chair       Pete Nalli, Datatel, Inc.
Vice Chair  Craig Cornell, Nelnet
Treasurer   Steve Biklen, represents NASLA
Secretary   Dave Moldoff, AcademyOne, Inc.

Leonard Gude, University of South Florida, represents NASFAA
Brian Lecher, AES/PHEAA
Michael Sessa, PESC Executive Director
Rick Skeel, University of Oklahoma, represents American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (AACRAO)
Andy Wood, Oracle Corporation

To ensure balance and even representation across the various sectors 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.
Fall 2006 Workgroup Summit Announced

PESC is pleased to announce that the Fall 2006 Workgroup Summit will be held Monday, October 23 – Tuesday, October 25, 2006 at the Kona Kai Resort in San Diego CA.

Online registration for the Fall 2006 Workgroup Summit is available at www.PESC.org. Hotel reservations can be made by contacting the hotel directly at 800-566-2524. Please use the group name “PESC” to ensure you receive the discounted hotel rate of $139. The hotel cut-off date is Friday, September 22, 2006. Our tentative meeting schedule which includes the Fall 2006 Workgroup Summit, AACRAO’s SPEEDE Committee, the PESC Board of Directors and PESC Membership meeting is as follows:

Saturday 10/21/06
- **SPEEDE** meets from 8am – 5pm in the Del Mar Room.

Sunday 10/22/06
- **SPEEDE** meets from 8am – 5pm in the Del Mar Room.

Monday 10/23/06
- **Registration** opens at 8:30am in the foyer.
- The **PESC Membership Meeting** runs from 9:30am – 11am in the Coronado Room.
- A **general introduction** to PESC, our workgroups and process will be provided from 11am – 11:30am in the Coronado Room.
- The **PESC Membership Luncheon** will be held from 11:30am – 1pm in the Point Loma 2 Room.
- The **Fall 2006 Workgroup Summit** kicks off from 1pm – 5pm with concurrent meetings held in Point Loma 1 and Point Loma 2. Tentative concurrent sessions include: Admission Application, National Test Score Reporting, Student Aid Inquiry, Submission Advisory Board, Technical Advisory Board, Change Control Board, Data Transport and the launch of 3 new workgroups including Course Catalogue, Taxonomy, and Certification.
- The **PESC Board of Directors** meets from 1pm – 5pm.
- The **PESC reception** will be held 5:30pm – 6:30pm at the hotel bar.

Tuesday 10/24/06
- **Continental Breakfast** opens at 7:30am in the Point Loma 1.
- **Registration** opens at 8:30am in the foyer.
- The **Fall 2006 Workgroup Summit** continues from 8:30am – noon with concurrent meetings held in the La Jolla and Coronado Rooms.
- **Lunch** is on your own from noon – 1:30pm.
- A **general session** with updates from all workgroups, committees, and boards takes place from 1:30pm – 5pm in the Point Loma 3 Room and concludes the Summit.
The Internet2 high-speed networking consortium formally awarded Level 3 Communications the contract to build a national fiber-optic network for higher education. The network is scheduled to start operating by late next year, when Internet2's Abilene lease expires.

Google plans to bring more college IT masters to the open source arena with a project it calls Summer of Code. It is paying 630 college students to spend the summer sitting programming, according to Wired News. Each of the students is paired with an experienced open-source programmer who acts as a mentor.

Sixty-two percent of Americans oppose a plan to create a database that would track individual students' educational progress, according to polling data released on July 6 by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, which is staunchly opposed to the program. A proposal for a unit-record system last year prompted Congress to pass a measure barring the Education Department from creating such a system.

IBM officials recently announced that will turn over software code to the Sakai Project, a cooperative venture by several major universities aimed at creating and distributing open-source course-management software. The code will help professors use Sakai’s software to track students’ progress.

Patrick Gannon, president and CEO of the OASIS international standards consortium, has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Global Alliance for ICT and Development (GAID). GAID is a new initiative of UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, to promote strategic, intensive, widespread, and innovative use of Information Communications Technologies (ICT) in governmental development policies and programs. As stressed by the 2005 World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), ICT must be effectively integrated into development activities if the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, are to be achieved within the agreed time frame. Top on the GAID agenda are programmes for applying ICT in health, education, and entrepreneurship.

The American Council on Education informed colleges, through a legal guidance release, that they probably need not worry about an FCC regulation requiring Internet-service providers to overhaul their networks to make it easier for law-enforcement officials to eavesdrop on e-mail messages and conversations that use Internet-based telephone and instant-messaging services. The guidance follows a U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia decision that the FCC order exempted private networks from compliance. Colleges are private networks if they (1) restrict their networks to campus users, such as students, faculty and staff members, and administrators, and (2) rely on an outside entity, such as a commercial Internet-service provider, to route their traffic to and from the Internet.

UT Austin Internet Server ‘SPEEDEs’ Along

June 2006 volume included:

- 66,754 TS130 transcripts
- 50,375 TS131 acknowledgements
- 15,895 TS997 Functional acknowledgements
- 19,219 TS189 Admission Applications
- 25,196 TS138 test score reports
- 198,994 total transactions
ConnectEdu Welcomes National Educational Community Standard for XML High School Transcripts

*Education Software Pioneer Eager For Proliferation To Ease Document Exchange*

Boston, MA – July 11, 2006 – ConnectEdu is pleased with the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council’s (PESC) recent announcement that it has adopted an XML High School Transcript Standard for the education community nationwide. The PESC’s decision last week will have a significant impact on information exchange between secondary and post-secondary institutions by facilitating the electronic transmission of student academic records in a reliable, secure and auditable channel.

“We are thrilled that the industry is recognizing and implementing the efficiencies that the Internet provides for establishing a standardized, real-time system of transmitting student records,” said Craig Powell, president & founder of ConnectEdu. “We have been actively deploying an XML Standard for the transmission of student records in states such as Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey and New England and are thrilled to see that organizations such as PESC are beginning to endorse this method. Movement to an XML Standard will lead to a more secure and reliable transmission of student records, benefiting everyone involved in the college process – students, counselors, transfer advisers and admission officers.”

ConnectEdu has been deploying an XML Standard to its high schools, community college and college partners throughout the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest and Northeast.

ConnectEdu is an affiliate member of The PESC.

**About ConnectEdu**

Founded in 2002, ConnectEdu ([www.connectedu.net](http://www.connectedu.net)) provides families and students with the professional guidance necessary to maximize their educational potential, investment and experience. Deploying its innovative online platform - Connect!® - ConnectEdu offers comprehensive, interactive technology solutions dedicated to supporting students, counselors, transfer advisors and admission officers engaged in the college search, admission and financial aid process.

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