Public Comments and Responses
Transcript Acknowledgement and Batch
May 18, 2007

On May 2, 2006, the Transcript Acknowledgement and Batch Workgroup launched under the Standards Forum for Education. The need for XML transactions was born out of the Standardization of Postsecondary Education Electronic Data Exchange (SPEEDE) Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO).

On February 26, 2007, the Transcript Acknowledgement and Batch Workgroup, after having completed its development efforts, submitted its Specifications to the Change Control Board of the Standards Forum for Education with the objective that they become approved and recognized education standards.

On March 6, 2007, PESC posted the Transcript Acknowledgement and Batch Specifications on its website, made all corresponding announcements and communications regarding this submission, and opened a 30-day public comment period so that the education community could review and publicly comment on the Transcript Acknowledgement and Batch Specifications.

During the public comment period, which expired on April 5, 2007, a number of public comments were received. Those public comments were routed to the Transcript Acknowledgement and Batch Workgroup and the Standards Forum for Education’s Change Control Board (CCB). Both groups reviewed the public comments, discussed each thoroughly and meticulously, and provided responses. All public comments and responses are provided below. This document listing all public comments and responses will be posted on the PESC website.

As public comment period has been successfully addressed, the Transcript Acknowledgement and Batch Specifications are presented to the PESC Members for a Vote of Approval on May 18, 2007. The voting period for PESC Members will then be 10 business days and expires on June 4, 2007.

Public Comment 1

**Issue:** CoreMain xsd definitions:

```xml
<xs:element name="Disbursement" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="2000"/>
```

should be:

```xml
<xs:element name="Disbursement" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
```

and here also:

```xml
<xs:element name="Disbursement" type="core:AlternativeLoanDisbursementType" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="2000"/>
```

and here also:

```xml
<xs:element name="Disbursement" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="400"/>
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Reason:

Proposed Solution: See above.

Response: These elements are in the core definitions to support the schemas developed for the FFELP (Federal Family Education Loan Program) sector of the PESC membership. They are no longer used and will be subject to removal from the CoreMain.xsd as part of standard version review.

Public Comment 2

Issue: DUNS - length is 9 and 9 - not so! DUNS is now 9 or 13.

Reason:

Proposed Solution:

Response: This question has been referred to the PESC Change Control Board (CCB) that is charged with maintaining and updating core definitions and meets weekly. It will be added to the agenda at the next opportunity.

Public Comment 3

Issue: Your example Transcript XML in the PDF is completely broken - take it out and start again from scratch!

Reason:

Proposed Solution:

Response: The respondent is correct. The example of a TranscriptAcknowledgment instance document given in the implementation guide is not valid. The example has been corrected and a new version of the implementation guide has been posted.

Public Comment 4

Issue: Your organization data model is difficult to parse (especially because of the ID type - DUNS, USIS, etc) - and also - I’d suggest doing the changes below

<Organization>
Reason:

Proposed Solution:

Response: The changes proposed represent a significant alteration to core components already in use in production data exchanges. Such a change would represent a Major Version change (not backwardly-compatible with current instance documents). As such it must be considered at length and in the context of the complete PESC community. It has been referred to the PESC Technical Advisory Board (TAB) for such consideration.