On today’s call were:

Tuan Anh Do, Assistant Director, Systems Support Group, Undergraduate Admissions, San Francisco State University, CA, Member of AACRAO SPEEDE Committee, and Co-Chair of ERUG

Keren Gavra, Product Development Manager, Docufide, Inc.

Bob Hewett, Principal Software Engineer, Pearson and Co-Chair of ERUG

Scott Hillman, Vice President, Operations and Customer Service, Docufide, Inc.

Tom Stewart, Miami Dade College in FL - Retired, & Member of AACRAO SPEEDE Committee

Tuan started the call at 4 minutes after the hour.

Race and Ethnicity: On last week’s call, Keren had raised the issue of race and ethnicity appearing in the XML High School Transcript schema, but not in the XML College Transcript schema. We discussed the potential for discrimination, the benefits for matching the transcript with an admitted student, and the use by state agencies when receiving the postsecondary transcript.

Since this might be a sensitive issue, it was agreed to make this an agenda item on the face to face meeting in October at the PESC Data Summit in Los Angeles.

Organization ID Group: This group of institutional code sets is defined in Core Main and currently allows a choice of one of 15 code sets. It is used for the Source and Destination School or Agency in the Transmission Data complex data element in all PESC XML schemas.

It is also used in the Academic Record portion of most PESC schemas to identify schools attended by students.

Keren and Bob noted that several states prefer to use a state specific code set to identify schools in that state. Several have opted to use the Mutually Defined code set.

However, the ID Group currently allows only one of the 15 code sets to be included in the XML instance document.

After some discussion, it was suggested that the best solution would be to make the data element OrganizationIDGroup repeatable up to 15 times. This would allow the sending school to send the Mutually Defined code, as well as several other codes (such as IPEDS, CEEBACT, CCD, ACT, FICE, ATP, etc.) and the receiving school could search for the code set normally used by that school.

It was agreed for Tom to request the change (to repeatable up to 15 times) to the PESC Change Control Board. If approved, the change would be effective the next time we request a new version of the XML Transcripts.
Sample Transcripts: Tom announced that he is working with the University of Southern California to create 3 samples of real postsecondary transcripts and 3 equivalent XML instance documents that would be included in a new release of the XML College Transcript Implementation Guide.

Scott also mentioned that he has several sample actual paper high school transcripts with the equivalent PESC XML High School Transcript instance documents. At least one of these will include the use of User Defined Extensions. When Tom receives them, he will draft a new version of the Implementation Guide to include these sample documents in the appropriate appendix.

Crosswalks:

XML High School Transcript Version 1.1 to EDI TS 130: The draft of this set of crosswalk rules has been completed and will be distributed with these notes. It is requested that ERUG look over this Excel document by the next call. At that time, we will approve it for posting to the PESC web site, or will discuss changes that need to be made prior to posting.

XML College Transcript Version 1.2 to EDI TS 130: The draft of this set of crosswalk rules has been reviewed by Bob and Tom and several errors and/or discrepancies were identified. Bob’s issues and Tom’s responses appear in column R of the spreadsheet. We will discuss the comments on the next call of ERUG.

PESC Fall Data Summit: The next face to face meeting will be at the Westin Airport Hotel on Century Blvd. in Los Angeles October 11-12, 2010. The ERUG will meet during the PESC Summit Meeting.

The call ended at 37 minutes after the hour.

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If you have any agenda items for the next call, please send them to Tuan Anh Do at doey@SFSU.edu and to Bob Hewett at rhewett@edestructures.com.

Next Conference Call: Next scheduled call is Tuesday, August 31, at noon Eastern (11:00 am Central, 10:00 am Mountain, and 9:00 am Pacific) Daylight Saving Time. Call 866.352.3799; Meeting Number *7696363*.