Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council
Education Record User Group
Notes from the December 6, 2011 Conference Call

On today’s call were

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

**Scott Hillman**, VP, Operations & Customer Services, Parchment

**Tom Stewart**, Retired Registrar, Miami Dade College (FL) and Member of the AACRAO SPEEDE Committee

Bob started the call at 5 minutes after the hour.

**PESC Approved EDI Standards**: Bob raised the issue of PESC declaring that the ANSI ASC X12 EDI Education Standards are now considered PESC Approved Standards. It was felt by the group on the call that there should be no problem in doing so. The only issue raised is should they now be called “PESC Approved Standards” or “PESC Approved EDI Standards”. If we chose the latter, then we would have “PESC Approved EDI Standards”, as well as “PESC Approved XML Standards”. We hope to clarify this and make a recommendation on the next ERUG call.

Another related issue was raised about updating the old EDI standards. Tom raised a concern about the increased complexity and sheer volume of crosswalks (EDI to XML and vice versa) required if there were changes made to the existing EDI standards for education. At present, we have completed (or are committed to complete) 26 crosswalks. This number would more than double if we were to make changes to the EDI standards.

**High School Graduation Class-Of**: Since Scott Hillman of Parchment raised this issue on an earlier call, we delayed discussion until today’s call.

Scott’s interest in this is a real one in that Parchment receives paper high school transcripts with a four-digit value associated with the student’s class (year). On today’s call we agreed that this four digit value is more related to a cohort group than an anticipated graduation year.

Bob checked and found that the Common Education Data Standards group has identified a data element called Graduation Rate Survey (GRS) Cohort Year. It is a four digit date (CCYY) defined as the academic year in which a student entered as part of the GRS cohort.
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On today’s call we agreed that we should add this new data element to the XML HS Transcript schema, but we should wait until the next call for more input before final approval of ERUG. We should also agree on the next call where in the schema it should be added.

Today’s call ended at 38 minutes after the hour.

Next ERUG Conference Call is Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at noon Eastern (11 am Central, 10 am Mountain, and 9 am Pacific) Standard Time. Call 712.775.7000 and use access code 269525 # unless the newer call in number has been activated by then. Bob will give the correct number on the agenda for the next call.

Next Face to Face Meeting of ERUG: PESC Spring 2012 Data Summit May 2-4, 2012 in Las Vegas at the Wynn | Encore Hotel.