On this week’s call were

Mark N. Cohen, Senior VP of Market Strategy and Co-Founder, Parchment (formerly Docufide) and Co-Chair of ERUG

Tuan Anh Do, Assistant Director, Systems Support Group for Undergraduate Admissions, San Francisco State University (CA), and Member of the PESC Board of Directors

Revathi Kumaraswamy, Business Analyst for Articulation and Transfer, Ohio Board of Regents

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

Mark started today’s call at 3 minutes after the hour.

Reverse Transfer using PESC XML College Transcript: Revathi reviewed the discussion from last week’s call on the potential use of the PESC XML College Transcript Schema to denote the reverse transfer of credit, to facilitate the exchange of college credit among postsecondary schools. More specifically, the Ohio Board of Regents is interested in modifying the XML College Transcript, to provide a means to alert a community college that receives the XML transcript, that its purpose is to ask the community college to determine if the student could receive an associate degree from the community college, based on courses included on the transcript.

Mark pointed out that there is a great deal of interest, nationwide, in increasing the number of degrees awarded by all sectors of postsecondary education. The successful implementation of this means of reverse transfer would increase the percentage of degree completions at the state level.

Although it was felt that the PESC XML College Transcript could be modified to include a new code value, such as “ReverseTransfer”, for the simple data element “DocumentTypeCode”, this would only be done in the next release of the schema (Version 1.5). It would then only be effective for all the schools who upgrade to that version of the schema.

Tuan suggested that the use of “UserDefinedExtensions” could be implemented much faster and would work with all versions of the XML College Transcript.

It was also suggested that this topic might be an interesting one for discussion at the next PESC Data Summit in San Diego, if anyone from the Ohio Board of Regents could be there to make a brief presentation.
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PESC XML College Transcript Version 1.0: Tuan briefly reviewed some email discussions about the version (1.0) of the first XML College Transcript posted as an XML (instead of a .xsd) document on the PESC web site. There are several errors in the document posted. There is also a problem with the sample transcript which does not validate correctly. Tuan volunteered to correct one of the errors and will ask Michael Sessa to post a corrected version on PESC.org.

The call ended at 49 minutes after the hour.

Next ERUG Conference Call: The next call will be on Wednesday, March 27, at 2 pm Eastern (1 pm Central, noon Mountain, and 11 am Pacific) Standard Time.

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Next Face to Face Meeting of ERUG: PESC Spring 2013 Data Summit May 1 - 3, 2013 in San Diego, California at the Omni Hotel.