Notes from March 8, 2007 PESC Conference Call on Development of XML Standard for the Application for Admission

Discussion on the call was begun by Adriana Farella, chair of the Workgroup, at 6 minutes after the hour.

**Residency for Fee Purposes:** Adriana led the group through a review of the portion of the schema and the draft Implementation Guide (dated 1/17/07) that supports the data collected for determining the residency for fee purposes classification of applicants to schools in the US and Canada.

**Applicant.Residency:** We very briefly reviewed what we had discussed on the last call and made no recommendations for any other changes. Then we began our review on today’s call with:

- **PropertyOwned:** Tom agreed to add comments in this section of the Guide that only residential property on which the applicant for residency lives and has lived would normally be of interest. Business property (including rental property that is owned by the person seeking residency for fee purposes) would not normally be considered for the residency determination.

- **PublicAssistanceReceived:** No changes were suggested in the complex data element, but we did agree that the complex data element should be repeatable. This would allow the inclusion of multiple types of aid received for multiple time periods and multiple locations.

- **ActiveDutyMilitary:** No changes were proposed, but we did clarify (and this should be reflected in the Guide) that this would typically be used to indicate that the military person is serving on active duty in the service area of the school (usually the state).

  We might want to discuss on a future call a way to indicate that the military person who is on active duty in another state or country, may be able to demonstrate residency for fee purposes if the serviceperson was a permanent resident of the state at the time of enlistment into the military and still claims the state as his or her permanent residence. This could be done with one of the many questions that may be included in the Residency section of the schema.

**Applicant.Application:** Adriana then began discussion on this next part of the schema. A few members of the workgroup discussed some of these details at the Las Vegas meeting on January 29th and made recommendations which may be found in the notes for that meeting.

**ApplicationDetail:** Other than the changes recommended in Las Vegas, no new ones were made.
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**AcademicRecord:** We continue to struggle over this complex data element which consumes 138 pages of the draft Implementation Guide.

We did agree to change the name of the complex data element to “SelfReportedAcademicRecord” or “SelfReportedEducationHistory” or something similar to clearly note that it is not an official academic record of the applicant.

It was noted that some schools (typically community colleges) only ask the applicant to identify last high school attended and all previous postsecondary schools, with dates of attendance. These schools may also ask for the applicant to indicate previous diplomas and degrees earned.

Other schools ask for the applicants to also indicate courses completed (with grades earned), as well as courses in which the applicant is currently enrolled and perhaps the courses the applicant plans to take in the next term. In some cases, the applicant who is enrolled in high school (or has completed high school and has never previously enrolled in a postsecondary school), is asked to indicate which courses (from a specified group of courses) the student has completed or plans to complete prior to enrolling at the postsecondary school to which the applicant is applying. This list might include course groupings such as English Language and Composition, History, Math, etc.

Other schools also ask the applicant to specify the GPA the student has earned to this point and to specify other academic honors or achievements earned at prior schools.

It should be noted that all of these items can be included in the current structure of the AcademicRecord complex data element. *The problem is that it includes all the above and much more that is not needed for the application.*

**Action Item:** Adriana asked all workgroup members who can join us on the next call to take a look at any or all applications of schools with which they are familiar to see what information they solicit from the applicant about prior educational experiences. We’ll continue our discussion of this topic on our next call.

Today’s call ended at 54 minutes after the hour.

**Next Call:** The next call will be Thursday, March 15, at noon Eastern (11 am Central, 10 am Mountain, 9 am Pacific) Daylight Saving Time. Call 800.508.7631; Pass code *9976409*. 
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