Notes from March 15, 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 5 minutes after the hour.

**Self Reported Academic History:** Prior to the call today, Robin Greene from The College Foundation of North Carolina has sent a spreadsheet she created about the academic history data items collected on the applications for admission from the state schools in North Carolina.

Using that as a start, Adriana then began a new spreadsheet by adding columns for the items asked for on the Common Application (used by about 300 schools in the US) and the University of Michigan. During the call, this was distributed to the workgroup as “EducationHistoryFields 2007 03 15.xls”.

**High School Attended:** On today’s call we discussed the items asked for about high school work completed and planned.

**General:** We spent some time on a discussion on the advantages/disadvantages of having a very complex schema with many detailed enumerated values of data elements versus eliminating some of the complexity (not so many data elements and/or not so many enumerated possible values of data elements) and make it easier for the implementers to understand and to adopt.

I believe that there was some consensus that we would eliminate many potential implementers if the granularity they need is not included. Implementing a complex schema is typically only addressed once and a large percentage of data elements can be ignored by many users.

At this point, it was agreed (I think) that we have more to gain, as far as implementation goes, by included all the various values needed by the recipients of the data.

**High School Type:** After considerable discussion, we agreed to add new values of Independent and Charter, to existing values of Public, Private, Parochial, and HomeSchool.

**Dates Attended:** We also agreed to delete the data element called “Date Attended from mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy” and use the two values “EntryDate” and “ExitDate” to describe the dates attended the high school.

**High School Award Type:** We also agreed to add this data element that was not originally included on the spreadsheet. We will probably use the values included in the PESC High School Transcript.
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High School Track: We agreed to include this data element, although we did not come to any agreement about the values. Once again, we’ll look at the high school transcript to see if there are any appropriate values there.

High School Guidance Counselor: We also agreed to keep this data element and add the email address for this person.

High School Courses: The remainder of the call was spent on a discussion of how to capture the courses and types of courses completed, in-progress and yet to be taken.

We had previously discussed some groupings of courses and could probably use what we had previously discussed. We did agree that we need some way of allowing the transmission of the number or courses or units completed (or planned to complete by time of graduation) as well as some way of listing the individual courses.

Adriana plans to complete her spreadsheet with the columns of The Common Application as well as the University of Michigan.

We ended today’s call at the end of the hour.

Next Call: The next call will be Thursday, March 22nd, at noon Eastern (11 am Central, 10 am Mountain, 9 am Pacific) Daylight Saving Time. Call 800.508.7631; Pass code *9976409*.

On today’s call were

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