Notes from April 19, 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.

Academic and Non-Academic Awards and Achievements: Today’s discussion was about questions asked on applications for admission about awards, achievements and accomplishments earned by students.

The discussion was quite good, but in the end, it was generally felt that it would not be productive to attempt to create a code set of all the possibilities. So, it was felt that the typical questions about this area were expecting free-form responses from students.

The actual academic awards earned (degrees, certificates and diplomas, etc.) can be transmitted as part of the AcademicRecord.AcademicAwards section of the schema for each school.

We also discussed the use of the RAP area of the draft Implementation Guide which allows for reporting of Requirements, Attributes, Proficiencies, Licensure and Language. However, we decided that this was not the best way to communicate the types of questions asked on most applications for admission. So we will delete the complex data element “AdditionalStudentAchievements” from future versions of the Implementation Guide and schema. Instead, we will replace it with a different version of “AdditionalStudentAchievements” that will contain:

- **Description** - a free form text string that can be used to describe the type of awards, honors or achievements reported by the applicant. However, this does not preclude a vendor from created coded items or values and transmitting them in this field and using these coded values with the receiving schools.

- **Category** - an attempt to categorize these achievements or honors by type:
  - Academic (other than diplomas or degrees awarded by a school that the applicant attended)
  - Arts (Visual, Performing, etc.)
  - Athletic
  - Business or employment
  - Community Services
  - Leadership
  - Other
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- **Sponsor** (Agency, Organization, etc.) providing the award or honor
- **Level** (year in high school such as 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, postsecondary)
- **Date** of award or accomplishment (either CCYY or CCYY-MM)

We ended today’s call at 59 minutes after the hour.

**Next Call:** On the next call, we plan to discuss questions asked on applications for admission about extra-curricular activities. The next call will be Thursday, April 26, 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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