PESC Admissions Application Workgroup Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Bill Zimmer (SunGard Higher Education), Adriana Farella (The College Board), Larry Borgione, our note taker (Oracle Corporation), Tim Nasr (Xap Corporation), Peter Haney and Debi Sandul (University of Lethbridge in Alberta), Claire Smith-Larson (Iowa State University)

Wrap up of the discussion from last week:
Employment, Health and Immunizations

Discussed the complex and delicate data related to questions on Health. In the straw man, there is limited data. We will be discussing further issues/questions regarding health. (Example: Do you have special health needs?) In the last meeting, these questions may be inappropriate or even illegal. This is information that may be disconnected with the admissions process. On the other hand, since it was in the straw man we are concerned that we should be accommodating. We need to contact admissions professional services or if vendors can reach out to customers to see if they can inform us as to standard/best practices.

It was decided to reach out to and AACRAO representative for advice. Claire is making progress on obtaining a list of enumerated diseases.

Discussion of Government-Military. (Page 369 of the 5/2/07 draft implementation guide.)

This meeting we will be discussing this section. We recognize the need to not be country specific.

Peter will be pressed into service to obtain Canadian values. Peter will review that generic armed forces enumerations would be acceptable. There was discussion about the country associated with the military force being entered. We need to confirm that it is sufficient only to obtain the military force and that the country of the application is a given. Peter suggested that there are specific two additional Canadian generic items: armed forces, reserved officers training program, and armed forces reserves.

Bill expressed concern regarding the status code as being part of core main as to the naming conventions. The discussion on this should be ongoing.

Discussion on selective service status, number, other information. For CSU, they do ask for active duty. This information might be captured after application. Because it is in core main we will follow our policy to leave it in. The Common Application does not have this. We reviewed several applications from specific institutions and there were little or no references to military or selective service information.

Military service branch, location and start date is referenced in the Residency section. Discussion on gathering veteran’s information. We believe that Tom did indicate that we had moved this to another section. According to previous meeting notes, Tom had suggested that Military Relationship Codes and Military Status Code, additional codes related to military service requirements. This lends itself to a more generic (non-country
specific) approach. Given the fact that Tom is absent, we will revisit this topic next week.

Adrianna suggested that any additional military items be added. She indicated that community colleges might have the need for more military information than other institution types. The community colleges in Ohio do ask selective service status.

Next week: Self reported test section.

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