ARUCC AND PESC PARTNER TO ADVANCE HIGHER EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF CANADIAN PESC USER GROUP

(Ottawa) - The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) and the P20W Education Standards Council (PESC) are pleased to announce a new strategic partnership that will advance higher education throughout Canada and the United States of America.

Under the agreement, both associations will work together to enhance the profile of and raise standards within the profession of higher education administration and management. Both associations share a common dedication to the continued development of professional administrators and managers supporting higher education and to the promotion of the highest standards of fair, ethical and transparent professional behaviour.

The goal of a partnership will be facilitated through the exchange of information, consultation and appropriate collaborative projects. Effective immediately, an ARUCC representative will join the Canadian PESC User Group which will serve as the primary contact between ARUCC and PESC.

"ARUCC is pleased to partner with PESC to collaborate and raise electronic data sharing standards within the profession," states Hans Rouleau, ARUCC President and Registrar of Bishop's University. "The work of PESC is vital to ARUCC members because it allows universities and colleges to share data in a safe, reliable and affordable manner. We look forward to working with PESC on the next phase of developing a Canadian Transcript Exchange Network."

"This partnership is significant in helping us move forward to have common interoperable standards for data and data exchange for Higher Education in Canada," adds William McKee, Director of Operations for the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) and Chair of the Canadian PESC User Group. "The initial focus of the user group was education on PESC and its benefits to Canadian education institutions and suppliers for data and data exchange for Higher Education. We are now focused on a Canadian Transcript Exchange Network."

The Canadian PESC User Group participants include representatives from ApplyAlberta, Association of Registrars of Colleges and Universities of Canada (ARUCC), BCCampus, Ontario Ministry of Training for Colleges and Universities (MTCU), Ontario College Application Service (OCAS), Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC), Statistics Canada, Ellucian, Maplewood Computing, Trevlac, University of British Columbia, University of Regina, University of Waterloo, Conestoga College, University of Toronto, York University, McGill University, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Université de Moncton, Wilfred Laurier University, Royal Roads University, University of PEI, New Brunswick Council on Articulation & Transfer, and University of Lethbridge. The User Group is also conducting

outreach to their respective membership organizations and other stakeholders such as The Canadian University Council of Chief Information Officers (CUCCIO).   The User Group meets bi-weekly by Web conference call and meets in person during PESC's Spring and Fall Data Summits.

For more information about the Canadian PESC User Group, please visit their page on the PESC website at http://www.pesc.org/interior.php?page_id=215. For questions or concerns about PESC and/or about PESC events and activities, please contact Jennifer Kim, PESC's Membership Services Director, at 202.261.6514 or jennifer.kim@pesc.org.

ABOUT ARUCC

The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada, which was created in 1964 in response to the professional needs of student administrative services personnel, strives to meet the needs of its members by adopting proactive measures reflecting changes in our professional environment. ARUCC provides leadership in the postsecondary education field and service to its member institutions and ARUCC membership THROUGH THE registrars, admission directors, student records managers, student services managers and other personnel in the areas of student advisement and counseling, student financial aid and student placement. ARUCC is an Associate Member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and of the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CASE). ARUCC is a regional association of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO).

The aims and objectives of the Association include: a) To promote communication and the exchange of information among the membership; b) To identify and communicate to the membership changes in secondary and post-secondary education systems;   c) To promote an awareness of the admission and transfer policies among post-secondary educational institutions; d) To hold workshops, meetings and conferences in order to promote the professional development of members of the association; e)   To promote and support of research, policy studies and other investigations into the practice and management of registrarial administration; f) To recognize meritorious achievement on the part of both institutions and individuals; g) To undertake activities and undertakings as may seem appropriate to the Association. For more information, see www.ARUCC.ca.

ABOUT PESC

Established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C., PESC is a non-profit, community-based, 501 (c)(3) umbrella association of data, software and service providers; colleges and universities; college and university systems; local, state and federal government agencies;   professional and commercial organization; and non-profit organizations   and associations. Through open and transparent community participation, PESC enables cost-effective connectivity between data systems to accelerate performance and service, to simplify data access and research, and to improve data quality along the education lifecycle.

PESC envisions national and international interoperability within the Education domain, supported by a trustworthy, inter-connected network called *EdUnify* built by and between communities of interest in which data flows seamlessly from one system to another and throughout the entire eco-system when and where needed without compatibility barriers but in a safe, secure, reliable, and efficient manner. To achieve its mission and vision, PESC organizes activities to: accelerate performance and service, reduce cost, lead collaborative development, set and maintain common data standards, promote best practices, link public and private sectors, and serve as data experts.

While PESC promotes the implementation and usage of data exchange standards, PESC does not set (create or establish) policies related to privacy and security. Organizations and entities using PESC standards and services should ensure they comply with FERPA and all local, state, federal and international rules on privacy and security as applicable. For more information, see www.PESC.org.

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