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**AN OPEN, COLLABORATIVE GROUP
OF CANADIAN STAKEHOLDERS THAT ENSURES
PESC'S MISSION AND ALL PESC DELIVERABLES INCLUDING
DEVELOPMENT AND RELEASE OF PESC APPROVED STANDARDS
SUPPORT AND INCORPORATE THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS
OF CANADIAN STUDENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND
CANADIAN-BASED STAKEHOLDERS**

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The Canadian PESC User Group is the authoritative group within PESC to represent Canadian interests.

The Canadian PESC User Group (CanPESC) operates as an open, transparent and permanent committee within PESC and participation in Group meetings is encouraged and open to representatives of PESC Member organizations and representatives of all Canadian stakeholders.

➤ ***User Group Co-Chairs***

Cathy von Soest, Manager, Student Data Services, BC Campus

Leisa Wellsman, Manager, Applicant Services, Ontario Universities' Application Center

➤ ***User Group Participant Organizations***

Alberta Post-Secondary Application System	Royal Roads University
BCcampus	Trevlac
Bishop's University	SRB Education Solutions
Brandon University	Statistics Canada
Canadore College	University of British Columbia
Conestoga College	University of Calgary
Council of Ministers of Education	University of Lethbridge
Dalhousie University	University of Manitoba
Ellucian	Université de Moncton
Government of Saskatchewan	University of Prince Edward Island
Maplewood Computing	University of Regina
McGill University	University of Saskatchewan
Memorial University of Newfoundland	University of Toronto
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	University of Waterloo
Ontario College Application Service	WES
Ontario Universities' Application Centre	Wilfrid Laurier University
Parchment	York University

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OVERVIEW

The Canadian presence and influence within PESC has existed since the very origins and formation of PESC. As many Canadian students cross provincial borders and still many more attain their educations internationally, the need for institutions, software providers and systems vendors, which support Canadian and international markets, to ensure mobility and interoperability has never been greater.

The formation of the Canadian PESC User Group (CanPESC) in 2011 solidified the importance of Canada's role within PESC and throughout the world. Its mission is to encourage participation in PESC XML workgroups developing PESC Approved Standards, and; promote and educate Canadian stakeholders on the importance of data standards and interoperability thereby avoiding duplication of efforts and of data standards.

As the voice and official committee representing Canadian interests, CanPESC also serves in a liaison role coordinating and communicating with all provinces and with Canadian organizations and associations, like the Association of Registrars of Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC).

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BENEFITS

True benefits of interoperability are enhanced service and delivery, reduced cost and improved data quality. CanPESC ensures these benefits for Canada's students and institutions by:

- Instilling the awareness and importance of standardization and interoperability
- Coordinating communications and sharing ideas across provinces
- preserving one standard in order to achieve global interoperability
- ensuring a Canadian voice in global initiatives (as PESC is a signatory to the Groningen Declaration Network, as ARUCC is as well, CanPESC has a direct voice and solid representation in global collaboration)

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HISTORY

The Canadian influence and perspective has been a major part of PESC since its founding and continues to be.

- In PESC's 1st Annual Best Practices Competition in 1999, the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) won 1st PLACE for its submission, "Ontario Universities' Electronic Transcript System (OUETS): A Model of an Electronic Standardization Initiative."
- In PESC's 14th Annual Best Practices Competition in 2012, the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) won 1st PLACE for its submission, "OCAS XML Transcript Initiative."
- For PESC's 10th Anniversary Year, the Fall 2007 Data Summit was held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Montreal.
- At the Fall 2011 Data Summit held October 26, 2011 in San Francisco, PESC launched the Canadian PESC User Group.
- For PESC's 15th Anniversary Year, the Fall 20112 Data Summit was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver.
- Through establishment of CanPESC, PESC began discussions with ARUCC and in 2013, entered into a formal MOU with ARUCC, allowing ARUCC and PESC to attend each other's events without charge, thereby fostering a closer working relationship.
- OUAC staff have been recognized with PESC's Distinguished Service Award: Doug Holmes in 2013 and Leisa Wellsman in 2016.
- OCAS' William McKee served on the PESC Board of Directors from 2013-2015.

The first deliverable of the Canadian PESC User Group was to introduce PESC at the ARUCC Conference June 25-28, 2012 in Ottawa. PESC staff exhibited at ARUCC and several sessions were held on data standards and interoperability. Soon after, PESC and ARUCC formed a partnership, and in signing a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), combined forces to network across each other's organizations and to raise the level of awareness regarding standards, mobility and interoperability within the profession of higher education administration and management. Representatives of ARUCC also joined the Canadian PESC User Group.

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GOVERNANCE

CanPESC is a permanent committee or group within PESC, ultimately governed by the PESC Board of Directors. CanPESC encourages active participation and diverse membership across Canada; is semi-autonomous, with reporting directly to the PESC Board of Directors, and; is responsible for its overall activities, communications, meetings and outreach.

CanPESC Co-Chairs are from PESC Member organizations are appointed by the PESC Board of Directors.

CanPESC meetings occur via conference call monthly on the 2nd Thursday at Noon EST (9am PST, 5pm Greenwich) and communications are supported by a PESC list.

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CURRENT STATUS

At this time, CanPESC is participating and cooperating in several initiatives through ARUCC and through PESC:

- ***ARUCC Groningen and Student Mobility Task Force*** – Formed in 2014 to focus on advancing student mobility through data exchange. This Task Force led to ARUCC's signing onto the Groningen Declaration Network, Canada's first Signatory to the Groningen Declaration Network. ARUCC partnered with the Pan-Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer (PCCAT) and CanPESC to realize the opportunities the Groningen initiative offers for Canada.
- ***PESC 20th Year Anniversary at Fall 2017 Data Summit*** – In recognition of the influence and inspiration Canadian education has had throughout the world and prominently within PESC since its foundation, PESC's 20th Year Anniversary will be commemorated at the Fall 2017 Symposium & Data Summit October 18-20, 2017 at the Radisson Admiral Harbourfront Hotel in Toronto. A program committee is forming under CanPESC and outreach and discussions are already underway with AACRAO, ARUCC, Groningen Declaration Network, SPEEDE and leading PESC Members APAS, MUN, OCAS, OUAC, SFU, UBC, among others.

AVAILABILITY & COST

CanPESC is a transparent and collaborative committee open to all Canadian stakeholders free of charge.