ARUCC Groningen & Student Mobility Project
Status Update – Fall PESC Summit, Montreal, QC
October 22, 2019
Welcome! Bonjour!
Introductions

• ARUCC Project Steering Members
• ARUCC Executive Members
• Executive Lead for Project
• Four Project Partners

Pan-Canadian in Focus
International in Scope
ARUCC Groningen & Student Mobility Project
Creating capacity for domestic and international mobility and transfer for learners and Canadian high education institutions by establishing a Pan-Canadian data exchange network for student document and data sharing.
The Project is about learners.
Core Outcomes

- Quality Assurance
- Learner Mobility
- Labour Mobility
- Data Privacy & Sovereignty
- Flexibility & Autonomy
- Efficiency
80+ Institutions & Organizations Endorse Our Project

- Universities Canada
- Colleges and Institutes Canada
- Canadian Federation of Students
- Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance
- AACRAO
- Pan-Canadian support: institutions, provincial organizations/government entities; ARUCC 2018 biennial conference
Close Gaps

1. No inter-provincial data exchange
2. No high school or CEGEP data exchange
3. No graduate student data exchange
4. No connection to trusted third parties other than government (e.g., WES, regulatory bodies, etc.)
5. No pan-sector, provincial or national data exchange for outbound post-secondary credential verification (not incl. apps/transcripts)
6. No pan-sector, provincial or national data exchange to support inbound post-secondary credential verification

**Full information not available**
Address Service Failures

Inbound to PSIs?
• Most documents arrive in non-useable format – close to 90% handled manually
• Inter-provincial mobility – 6% to 19%+ growth
• In-bound international - 154% growth in last 8 years
  • China, India, South Korea, US, France, Vietnam

Outbound to external third parties?
• Increased govt need to validate official offers - 47% increase in international study permits in last 8 years
• Confirmations of enrolment – 40%+ increases across a host of services
• Confirmations of graduation – 10%+ increase in graduates in last five years

Growing Learner Mobility
Increasing Document & Identity Fraud!
Two Core Functionalities

• Creating a way for learners to view, curate, and share their credentials and documents whenever and with whomever they want

• Creating national level, official document and data exchange capacity for Canadian post-secondary institutions to enhance services provided for students - This involves establishing direct connections to trusted institutions and organizations across Canada and around the world.
Business Cases - Document and Data Flows

IN-BOUND
- Post-secondary transcripts
- Credentials
- International documents

OUT-BOUND
- Post-secondary transcripts
- Credentials
- Status Documents
  - Offers of Admission
  - Confirmations of Enrolment (and fees paid)
  - Confirmations of pending or actual graduation

The ‘How’ and the ‘What’ can vary - Document/data exchange, blockchain, AI, etc.
What we need...

Learner Centered
Flexible
Agile
Interoperable
Standards Agnostic
Permission Based
Accessible
Efficient
Where we’re at

• Summer/Fall 2019: developing the purchasing and legal framework for the project; finalizing governance consultation process; developing a framework for identifying and working with pilot institutions and hubs; identifying and sourcing funds for the project.

• Much work to-date regarding governance consultation and legal support

• Technical Advisory Committee met biweekly from January to June, providing expertise and advice related to the technical aspects of the business case and RFP

• Full-day retreat scheduled for Friday Oct 25th

• RFP Committee established; expect to launch RFP in Fall 2019

• Fundraising continues, as does consultation

Groningen Declaration
Network 2021 Meeting:
Ottawa

Week of May 3, 2021

(2020 meeting: India)
Thank you!

Project Website