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PESC LAUNCH OF EDPLAN STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUP CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND ELLUCIAN TO LEAD OPEN COLLABORATION

Washington DC The Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is pleased to announce that California Community Colleges and Ellucian are collaborating through PESC to develop a PESC Approved EdPlan Standard.

According to the Letter of Intent submitted by California Community Colleges and Ellucian on November 6, 2019, “the proposed standard can be used by institutions, state and provincial educational systems and higher education systems service providers to facilitate the exchange of education plans between entities.”

Development of a proposed EdPlan Standard will be conducted through a PESC EdPlan Workgroup. Participation on the EdPlan Workgroup is free and open to education stakeholders.

The launch of the PESC EdPlan Workgroup will be Tuesday November 19, 2019 at 4.00pm EST. Workgroup meetings will then be held every other Tuesday at 4pm EST as well.

“As student mobility continues to increase, a standard to exchange information about specific student educational plans is needed and would support the necessary data transfer, provide better understanding of the credit and program of the student, and will aid institutions, states and provinces in evaluating student migration and success.”

- Rick Skeel, Director of Product Management, Ellucian; EdPlan Workgroup Co-Chair

“The development of a standard will enable ed plans to follow students as they transfer from 2-year to 4-year colleges and universities, while providing more data to institutional research into student success and improved outcomes.”

- Mark Cohen, Product Manager, California Community Colleges Technology Center; EdPlan Workgroup Co-Chair:

“This initiative with California Community Colleges and Ellucian leading the way, showcases the value of learner-centric collaboration and the need for high quality, reliable data standards. PESC aspires to the highest standards of openness, transparency, neutrality, balance and due process in all aspects of our standards development, approval and maintenance processes.”

- Michael Sessa, PESC President & CEO:

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About California Community Colleges

The California Community Colleges system consists of 115 colleges, with a large number of additional campus centers and classrooms throughout the state. The colleges are spread over a wide range of geography, from mountains to coasts, and rural regions to big cities. Each college offers a diverse array of educational programs, with specializations that reflect the unique character of the local region. Each year at our 115 colleges, 2.1 million students from all over the world build their career skills, prepare for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, or simply enrich their lives through learning. For more information, please visit <https://www.cccco.edu/>.

About Ellucian

Inspired by the transformative impact of education, Ellucian develops software and services that power the essential work of higher education institutions around the globe. Ellucian works with more than 2,500 institutions in more than 50 countries—enhancing operations and enriching the experience for over 20 million students. As the market leader in higher education technology, the Ellucian portfolio is comprehensive and built off of best practices from our community of schools as well as our 50 years of experience transforming the industry landscape. For more information, please visit www.ellucian.com.

About PESC

Established in 1997, PESC leads the establishment & adoption of trusted, free & open data standards across the education domain by serving as an open standards-development and open standards-setting body, based on a voluntary consensus model, producing PESC APPROVED STANDARDS. Established in 1997 at the National Center for Higher Education and headquartered in Washington, D.C., PESC is an international, 501 (c)(3) non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of data, software and education technology service providers; schools, districts, colleges and universities; college, university and state/provincial systems; local, state/provincial and federal government agencies; professional, commercial, vendor and non-profit organizations; and non-profit associations & foundations.

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PESC is a proud exhibitor at AACRAO's Annual Meeting, ARUCC's Bi-Annual Meeting, and the Annual STATS-DC Conference of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the US Department of Education. PESC is a proud sponsor of AIR's Annual Conference & of the Annual California Electronic Transcripts Workshop and CCCApply. PESC is a proud Member/Affiliate/Signatory of AACRAO, the Groningen Declaration Network, the USCCF's T3 Innovation Network, and the US NCES National Forum on Education Statistics.

PESC has a strong history that includes AACRAO, SPEEDE, EDI, ANSI, X12, Canada, the US Department of Education and Y2K. In fulfilling its non-profit mission, all PESC Approved Standards are available to the Education Community online free of charge. For more information, please visit www.pesc.org.

LETTER OF INTENT

November 6, 2019

Michael Sessa
PESC President & CEO
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Dear Michael,

We are pleased to submit this Letter of Intent (LOI) to communicate that California Community Colleges and Ellucian intend to work openly, transparently and collaboratively with the education community through PESC to develop and produce the PESC Approved EdPlan Standard. We propose development, submission and consideration be conducted through a PESC EdPlan Workgroup for which we will serve as Workgroup Co-Chairs.

The focus of the Workgroup is establishment of a standard that can be used by institutions, state and provincial educational systems and higher education systems service providers to facilitate the exchange of education plans between entities. Currently, without a standard Ed Plans are not easily interoperable, making it difficult for these data to follow students as they transfer between colleges, or allow for these data to be leveraged in programs aimed at student success.

The data from these plans, with the EdPlan standard, enables the review of student progression within education plans, the transfer of credits from one education plan to another, and improves services for students within an institution, within a higher education system, within states and provinces and across the higher education system at-large. In addition, this standard would help facilitate statistical review of the education plans pursued by students as well as their applicability toward transfer or the workforce.

Our deliverables will include the JSON specification, an Implementation Guide, and instance document.

We are pleased to collaborate with Concentric Sky, eLumen, Hobsons and EduNav on this initiative, we welcome all stakeholders, and look forward to preparing and using an international data standard that will greatly enhance the process of communicating and guiding students and learners on the best path for their respective success.

Sincerely,

Rick Skeel
Director of Product Management
Ellucian

Mark Cohen
Product Manager
California Community Colleges Technology Center