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## **PESC Launches Five New Committees and Workgroups**

September 2, 2004 (*Washington DC*) ~ The Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is pleased to announce the launch of five new committees and workgroups all of which fall under the jurisdiction of its Standards Forum for Education: Change Control Board, Technical Advisory Board, Submission Advisory Board, Secondary to Postsecondary Transcript Workgroup, and Data Transport Workgroup.

- **Change Control Board** – Lead by Randy Mertens of Nelnet, this committee will serve as a standing committee that authorizes both new candidates as standards and changes to existing ones through PESC’s standards approval and maintenance process.
- **Technical Advisory Board** – Lead by Steve Margenau of Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation, this committee will serve as a standing committee that advises all committees and workgroups on technical and architectural issues, recommends solutions, and provides research and results on strategic technical topics and best practices.
- **Submission Advisory Board** – Administered by the PESC office at this time, this committee will serve as a standing committee that receives candidates for standardization from the community, advocates internally for those candidates, and guides those candidates through the process.
- **Secondary to Postsecondary (S2P) Transcript Workgroup** – Lead by Bruce Marton of the University of Texas at Austin, this workgroup’s goal is to develop an XML transcript standard that can be exchanged between secondary and postsecondary institutions.
- **Data Transport Workgroup** – Lead by Kim Shiflette of USA Funds and originally formed under NCHELP’s Electronic Standards Committee, this workgroup is migrating to PESC to ensure participation across all sectors of higher education. This workgroup’s goal is to develop data transport standard(s) for the exchange of data between and among institutions, service providers, and all other suppliers within the higher education community.

Participation on the Change Control, Technical Advisory, and Submission Advisory Boards is designated by the Steering Committee of the Standards Forum for Education. Participation on the S2P Transcript and Data Transport Workgroups is open to the full PESC Membership. Working

sessions, discussions, and workshops to formally kick-off the S2P Transcript and Data Transport Workgroups are being held at PESC's Fall 2004 Workgroup Summit. These workgroups join already established and functioning workgroups within PESC:

- **Request and Response of the XML Postsecondary Transcript Workgroup** - Lead by Mark Jones of the National Student Clearinghouse, this workgroup's goal is to develop standards for the request and response of the already-approved XML Postsecondary Transcript.
- **Online Loan Counseling Workgroup** - Lead by Cathy Mueller of Mapping Your Future, this workgroup's goal is to develop a standard for the exchange of loan counseling data.

A complete overview and report on these new committees and workgroups, along with the first draft release of the Policies and Procedures for the Standards Forum for Education, will be provided at PESC's Fall 2004 Workgroup Summit being held this October 5-6, 2004 at the Marriott in Newport Beach CA. Registration and hotel reservation information are still available.

For more information on PESC, please visit [www.PESC.org](http://www.PESC.org).

#### **About PESC**

*Established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C., the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is a non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of colleges and universities; professional and commercial organizations; data, software and service providers; and state and federal government agencies. PESC's mission is to lead the establishment and adoption of data exchange standards in education. The goals of the mission are to enable the improvement of institutional performance and foster collaboration across educational communities in order to lower costs, improve service, and attain system interoperability.*