

## **Micro-credentialing Task Force – Data Reporting Implementation Group**

### **Monday, October 1, 2018 :: Syracuse, NY**

**Present:** Teresa Foster (chair), SUNY System Admin  
Kate Barefoot, Mohawk Valley Community College  
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Tara Conrad, SUNY System Admin  
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Thom Hanford, SUNY Cortland  
Josh Horn, SUNY System Admin  
Dan Jardine, Alfred State University  
Tom McFeeley, SUNY System Admin  
Jack Mahoney, University at Albany  
Carol Marriott, Genesee Community College  
Cyndi Proctor, SUNY System Admin (via call-in)

#### **Report from Tara Conrad in regards to the Transferability and Portability implementation group:**

- Have had 3 meetings; 4<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for this Thursday
- Initial direction – look at vendor software for issuing micro-credentials
- Have identified what information is consistent across campus transcripts
- Identifying what features and functions are relevant; what features and functions are not necessary
- Next steps – identify 2 or 3 vendors they'd like to see/hear more from
- Ex. Distinguish between micro-credentials that are offered by campus vs. ones that meet the SUNY definition; where appropriate, have software that can “co-brand” micro-credential
- Overlap with our group – Which micro-credentials are going to be reported? Are we looking beyond SUNY-wide definition/standards to include others offered as well?
- Follow-up questions and discussion:
  - Credly, Learning Machine, Portfolium, and Badgr are some of the vendors they're looking at
  - Interested in a student having one account for all of their micro-credentials obtained from any and all SUNY campuses
  - Not a clear spot right now in SIS's to house micro-credential data/information
  - Some of our group members will be invited to attend the meetings with the software vendors (need an understanding of how and what data would/could be stored in their software programs and how it would/could be extracted)

#### **General implementation group notes and discussion:**

- Need to distinguish in language between SUNY micro-credentials vs. local campus activity that doesn't meet the policy definition
- Our group is focused on data reporting for “SUNY micro-credentials”
- Data needs to be extracted from either the campus SIS or vendor software program (or other) to be submitted to SUNY
- Vendors are interested in pulling data from LMSs and issuing credentials from that info – but many faculty members don't use LMS; what would the quality control look like?
- Some campuses have expressed concerns regarding micro-credentials starting to compete with UG certificates – should be decidedly different; there are opportunities to stack micro-credentials to an UG certificate

- Want to make sure students who get a micro-credential are counted even if they're non-matric, taking all non-credit courses, etc. – wouldn't be a problem coming in through SIRIS since submission is set up to receive continuing ed activity and warnings (vs. fatals) are issued if a student is submitted on Degree and can't be found in Student
- Work with SICAS to develop screens for micro-credentialing? UBuffalo is believed to be working with PeopleSoft to develop screens for such
- Ellucian Elevate has been mentioned but what is it? Integrates with other Ellucian products (Cortland is currently looking at, Genesee may be implementing)

**Report from Cyndi Proctor in regards to Credly:**

- No formal/official relationship between SUNY and Credly at this time
- Credly has special pricing in place for SUNY campuses via a "handshake" agreement arranged for by the Center for Professional Development
- Campuses looking to purchase any new micro-credentialing software are being encouraged to add language to the contract saying that they can opt out of their individual contract and join a SUNY-wide contract if one were to be put into place
- 15 campuses are currently using Credly (3 of which have enterprise contracts)

**Miscellaneous:**

- Currently 33 micro-credentials up and running across the System
- Will be marketed at the System level but not sure yet how that will be done – will need to complement and not interfere with campuses' marketing efforts
- Differences in how campuses are planning to handle – some not planning to integrate micro-credentialing into SIS, some want to but don't know how at the moment, some are planning to

**Much discussion about folding this data collection into the current SIRIS Degree submission vs. creating a new stand-alone data submission**

- Ultimately it was decided by the group to pursue folding this data collection into the existing SIRIS Degree submission, providing technical feasibility
- Potential concern expressed regarding an effect on IPEDS Completions reporting – Would these micro-credentials be reported too? No, programming would handle their exclusion
- Would rename the submission to acknowledge the fact that micro-credentials aren't degrees

**Worked at length on Excel spreadsheet of data elements to be collected for a micro-credential look-up table and the allowable values for those data elements**

- Note the purpose of the look-up table would be to verify a micro-credential ID submitted by a campus is a valid one in the SUNY data system and to tie it to its attributes (e.g. level, business/company partnership, etc.)

**AI:** Have representation at the vendor meetings scheduled by and with the Transferability and Portability implementation group

**AI:** Jack to touch base with UBuffalo about their work to add micro-credentials to PeopleSoft

**AI:** Teresa, Josh, and/or Tom to pursue asking SICAS Center about the possibility of having micro-credential screen in Banner

**AI:** Teresa and Josh to further develop spreadsheet of look-up table data elements and allowable values

**AI:** Tom to start creating a DTS form for the collection of data elements to populate a micro-credential look-up table

**AI:** Schedule next meeting, tentatively to be held again in Syracuse at CPD