Keynote Speaker’s Profiles and Presentation Summary

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Professor Elizabeth Deane is Professor Strategic Initiatives (Learning and Teaching), Director, Learning and Teaching and interim Dean UWS Online. Her portfolio responsibilities include providing leadership in the areas of student learning support; teaching skills development and on-line and blended approaches to education. She has driven the development of Graduate Attributes for WIL practice at three different Universities across Australia.

A Biochemist by training Professor Deane has held a number of academic leadership positions in Australian Universities and has an extensive research track record in the areas of marsupial immunology, development and disease as well as in academic management and teaching and learning. In her role at UWS she is focused on developing a holistic framework for supporting quality teaching and supportive learning environments across the broad geographical and disciplinary spread of UWS. This encompasses governance and policy review and formulation as well as development of detailed operational plans.

Presentation Summary

Raising awareness of graduate attributes for career readiness

The presentation will challenge current assumptions regarding the valuing and recognition afforded University statements of graduate attributes. It will explore the sometimes labyrinthic methods adopted by Universities to develop and assess these attributes and offer some alternate approaches to engender student ownership and attainment.