December 2009

3-DAY WORKSHOP DATES SET
Leadership Skills Workshop – 27, 28, 29 September 2010. Please note these dates as Project Team members, particularly those who will be acting as mentors, will be participating.

PROPEL LEADERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD TAKES SHAPE
The PROPEL Project will benefit from the rich leadership expertise of academic and industry leaders who have agreed to join the Board:
- Emeritus Professor Ken McKinnon (Former UOW Vice-Chancellor)
- Prof. Rob Whelan (President, UOW Dubai)
- Prof. John Patterson (DV-C Operations)
- Prof. Malcolm Wright (Professor of Marketing, University of South Australia)
- Prof. Peter Goodyear (Professor of Education, University of Sydney)
- David Farmer, General Manager, Wollongong City Council
- Maria Gray-Spence (Regional Director, NSW Department of Education & Training)
- Karen van Druten (Leadership Consultant)
- Peter Keeble (Education Consultant)

Prof. Denise Bradley has also shown an interest in PROPEL and, while not having the time to be part of the Board, is willing to contribute in other ways as the Project develops.

UNDERSTANDING LEADERSHIP
What makes a good university leader? The PROPEL Project will commence interviews in January with UOW staff to explore the skills and characteristics of a good academic leader. Data collected will be added to existing studies on university leadership to inform development of the PROPEL Program Components, especially the Leadership Skills Workshop.

PROJECT WEBSITE LAUNCHED
The PROPEL Project website is now live at: research@uow.edu.au/propel. A feature of the website is the Project Team Portal. This password-protected Portal will be used by the UOW Project Team to review and provide feedback on Project materials as they are developed. (To access the Portal enter adauow before your username.)

MENTORING FRAMEWORK
A draft Framework for the PROPEL Mentoring Component (which includes guidelines for identifying and selecting suitable mentors, matching mentors with participants, the mentor’s role, and expected outcomes for participants) is available in the Project Team Portal. Your comments and feedback on the document are invited.

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