Enhancing the employability of Science graduates: increasing the awareness of staff and students to the needs of the employers

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The project team meets fortnightly when possible. Anne Fernandez has left UniServe Science to work in the Registrar’s section and this has caused some disruption to the project timelines.

The preliminary phase has been completed.

Development phase:
- Articulation of generic attributes and skills to be included in the project – completed
- Discipline-specific skills identified and documented – still awaiting input from Biological Sciences, otherwise completed
- Interpersonal skills trial – first trial completed and feedback incorporated into the second trial.

Preparation for useability (second) trial:
- Description of generic attributes, i.e. good world citizen, professional scientist, lifelong learner – completed;
- Description of higher order skills and background skills for communication skills and research skills – essentially completed but not included in this trial
- Web pages produced for second trial – 29 August.

Trial – 29 August:
- Two people came in for the trial (we had hoped for a showing of about six). Their feedback was very useful as one was a graduate and the other was in first year science.

The next step in the project will be to incorporate the students’ comments into the design of the current web pages that will then be used as the storyboarding for the design of the final web site. In addition the documentation for the other six skill groups will be finalised.

The project is behind schedule.

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