What if Students Made up Their Own Programs of Study?
The Higher Education (HE) sector of the education system is at a crossroads. The approaches used for the better part of the last thousand years are no longer working or engaging students and the problem is only likely to get worse not better. Given this, it is timely that the HE sector examines paths forward to engage students in the new environment in which it will work in the future. This workshop will discuss what are often called “individualised study plans” that provide students with a much greater say in defining their own unique study plans. The workshop talk will present experiences in the US and discuss options open in the Australian environment.


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Guest Speakers

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Jenny Lambert, Director – Employment, Education & Training at Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI)
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Professor Dawn Bennett, John Curtin Distinguished Professor and Director, Creative Workforce Initiative
Dawn’s recent research has focused on enacting and enabling employability within higher education learning and teaching. This has incorporated research on employability, identity development, graduate transition and graduate work, retaining a special interest on careers in the creative industries. Dawn serves numerous editorial boards and she convenes the Australian Learning and Teaching Fellows’ network.

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