Crossing Boundaries
Developing & delivering accredited units in English language & academic communication
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Today’s talk
- Mission & methods
- Challenges & compromises
- Support & successes
- Lessons learnt

Mission & methods
Be strategic

Challenges
Persevere past common perils
Tricky politics
Poor communication
Changes in staff, courses, finances...

Compromises
Know what’s negotiable... and what’s not!
The curriculum? The unit hours?
Who can teach? Who can enrol?

Support
Garner support everywhere you can
Top level support
Support from the side
Grassroots support
Successes
Celebrate success!
- Obtaining unit approval
- Getting the teaching right
- Maintaining academic integrity

More successes
- Students from diverse cultural backgrounds
- Students from diverse study areas
- Themes relevant to the students

Lessons learnt
Focus on the essentials
- Sound ideas
- Clear aims
- Ample communication

More lessons
Sort out the details
- Garner support
- Work out the funding
- Do the paper work

And more lessons...
Remember you’re dealing with people
- Some may try to block you
- Others may need convincing
- Or engage in territorial disputes

A final lesson
Choose collaborators carefully
- Are they looking for consensus?
- Will they do their part?
- Can you share a laugh?