Transition Description – Bronze to Iron

The purpose of this document is to describe the process through which the Educational Experience Plan consultation document has transitioned between the second (Bronze) and third (Iron) rounds of consultation. Unlike the transition from the first (Straw) to second (Bronze) rounds, and due to the number of changes, “tracked changes” are not reflected. In the interest of transparency, a brief description of the general changes that were made based on feedback via email, personal communication and the discussions held in the discussion forums, for which I am deeply appreciative, are outlined below.

Recommendations and edits that clearly improve the readability of the document were made directly in the text. These were principally stylistic or addressed issues associated with clarity. As this document is designed to support conversation conducive to consultation I decided to maintain a few of the points made in the introductory sections, while fully acknowledging that many suggestions not included in the Iron Consultation document will be accepted into the final Plan document.

I restructured the “Detail Educational Experience” part of the Plan starting in Section 6 to include more consistent structure and improve readability. The document is now structured in terms of 10 areas in which we will invest effort. They are divided into two broad groups. The first being Commitments/Objectives and the second being Capacity Development/Objectives. As the name implies, I have tried to frame these groups as objectives. Each of these groups is then broken into Objective, Strategies and Tactics.

Finally, I have provided broad definitions of selected terms including

- Personalised Learning
- Blended Learning
- Flexibility
- Openness/Open Educational Practice

Some colleagues have volunteered to help facilitate the development of some scenarios that will help place context around the terms, objectives, and strategies.

The current document is designed for consultation. During the coming week I will post a much shorter Plan, which will be structured as are many of the USQ plans. It will be direct and brief, easy to digest and follow, but in need of additional contents, which will be provided by the deeper consultation document.