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The Unexpected Opportunities

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The Highs and Lows of Secondments

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Brief Overview of Work History

- Graduations Coordinator
- Enrolments Coordinator
- Enrolments Manager
- School Manager
- Summer Operations Manager

Change

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress.” - Frederick Douglass

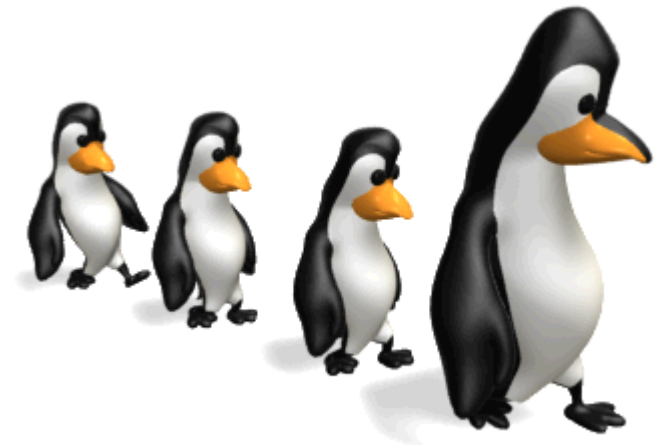
What did I Learn

- Clear, concise communication is a key factor in any role
- In critical processes double check everything
- When things go wrong take some deep breaths, review the situation and then move forward
- Be persistent if you experience problems that appear to not have a resolution



How I developed as a leader

- Again, Communication
- Listen to and support your staff
- Always remain optimistic no matter what is going on
- Be decisive and don't be afraid to have the tough conversations



What I Achieved

- An understanding of the difficulties experienced in schools
- Understanding of budgets
- An improved experience for students
- An appreciation of the complexity of staff



What I enjoyed most ...

- The challenges
- Learning about the broader aspects of the University's functionality
- The staff
- The students



Conclusion

"Change has a bad reputation in our society. But it isn't all bad — not by any means. In fact, change is necessary in life — to keep us moving ... to keep us growing ... to keep us interested Imagine life without change. It would be static ... boring ... dull."

Quote by Dr Dennis O'Grady
Bottom Line - Personal



