Acknowledgement of Country

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I acknowledge and pay respect to the ancestors and descendants of the Lands upon which we work, meet and study.

I am mindful that within and without the buildings, the Land always was and always will be Aboriginal Land.
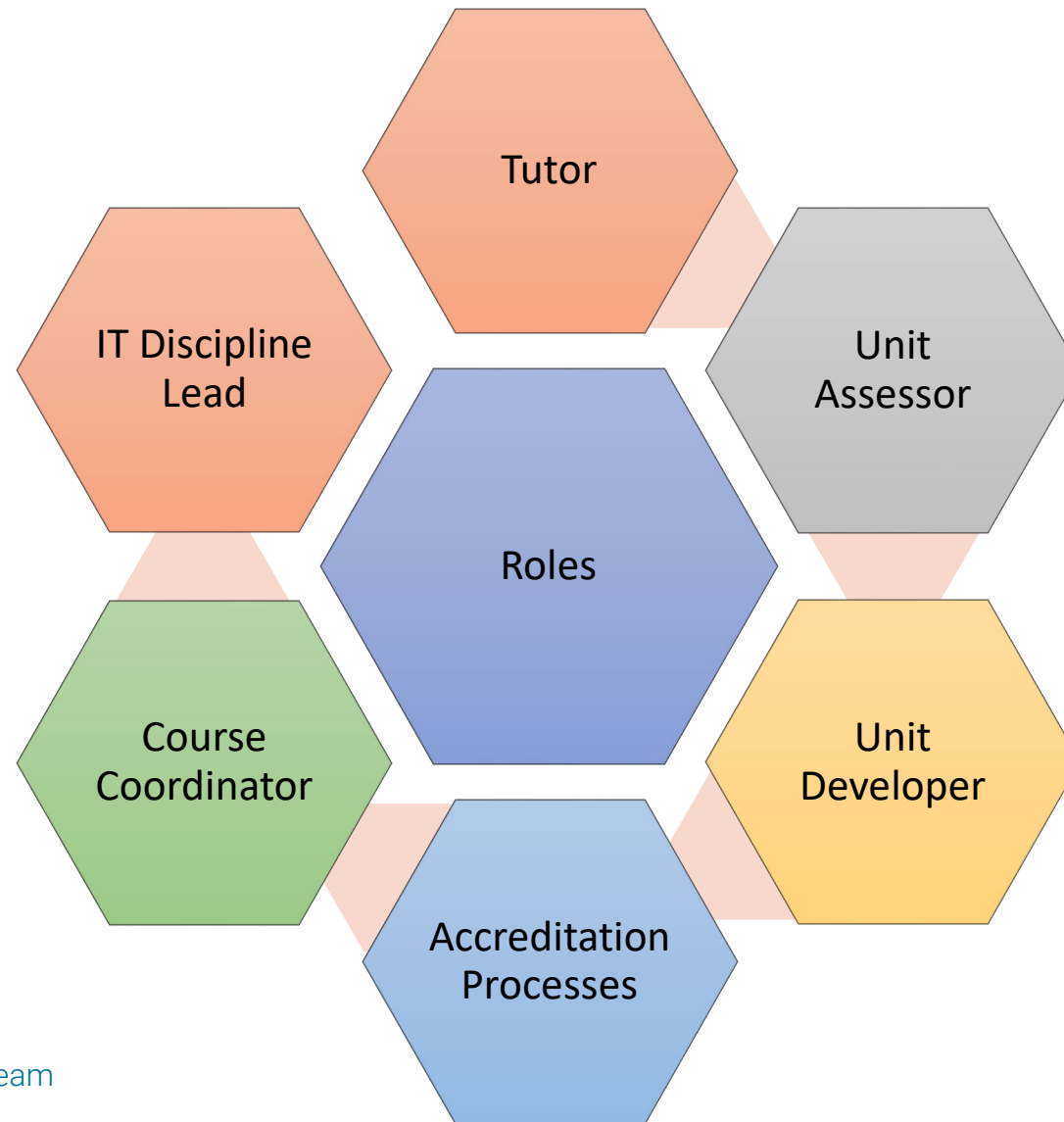
Background ... a progression

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Pain Points

History of degree(s)

Accreditation Requirements

Discipline Staff

Continuity

Different Expectations

Shared vision/culture

Information Exchange

Open to all

Informal

Fortnightly one hr

Discipline Meetings

In person + Zoom

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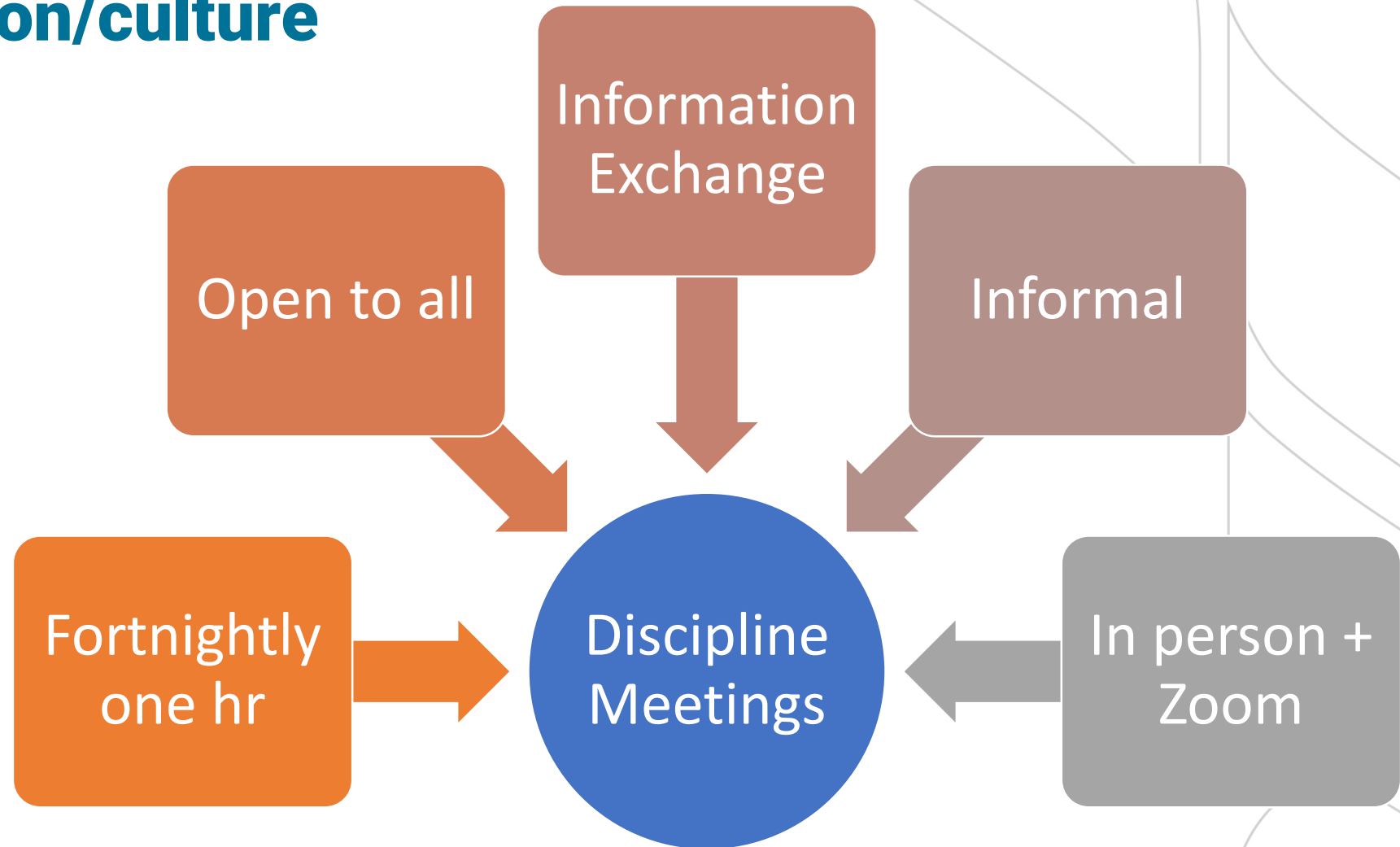
Identified problem 1

Varying expectations

Tutor and UA Workshops

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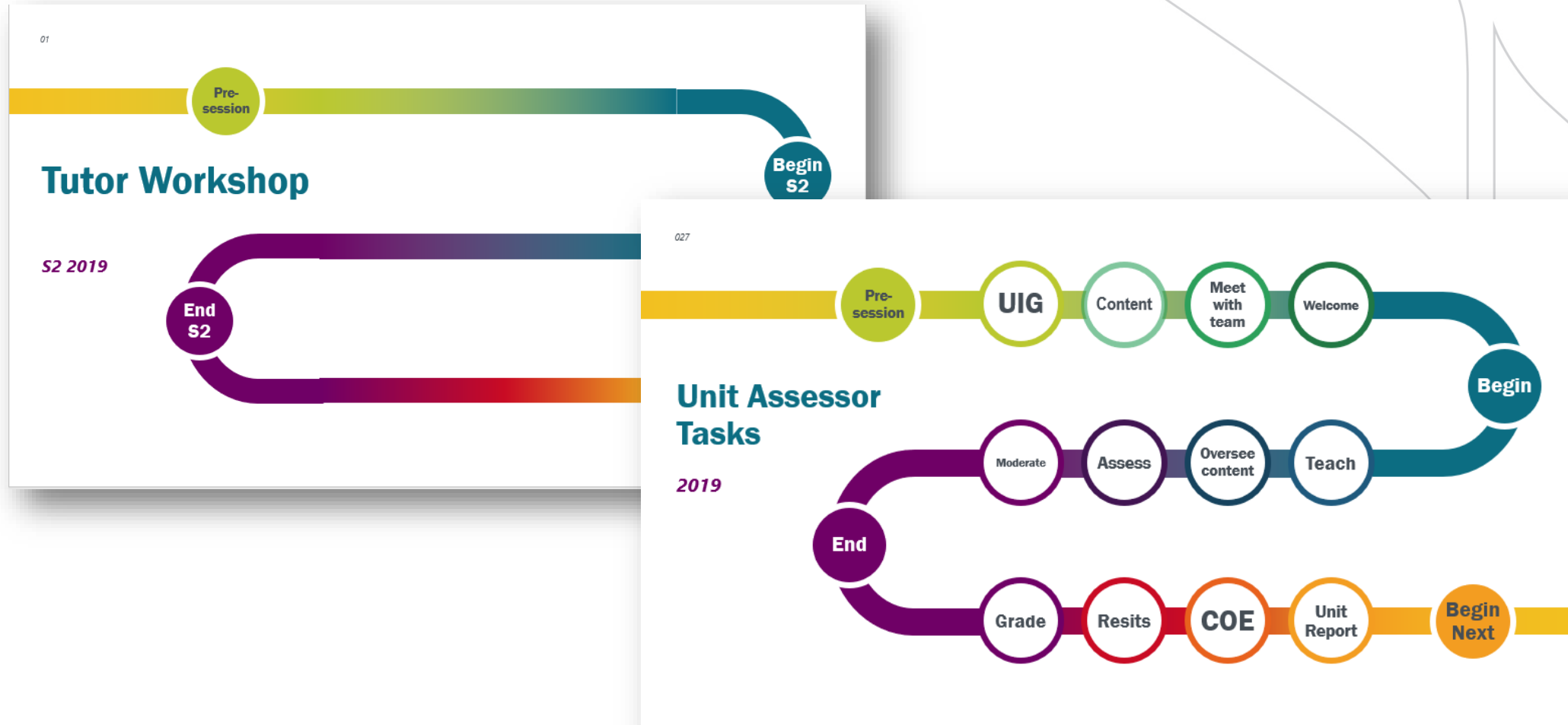
Tutor and UA Workshops

Values

Provide Supportive, Positive Student Experience

- Engagement (online sessions, work as team)
- Communication (throughout session)
- Responsiveness (to emails and issues)
- Fairness (across locations - moderation)
- Professionalism (confidentiality, respect, communication style)
- Presentation (facilitation, appearance, leadership)

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Identified problem 2

Living in 'unit land'

This is my unit

CMP73010 Managing Software Development

Ammar Zafar

03/09/2018

Basic Information

- Advanced – AQF Level 7 unit
- Normally undertaken in 3rd year
- Prerequisites:
    - ISY00245 - Principles of Programming OR CSC72003 - Programming II
    - ISY00243 - Systems Analysis and Design
    - CSC72001 - Database Systems OR CSC00228 - Database Systems I
- Graduate attributes: GA1, GA3 and GA4

    GA1 Intellectual rigour, GA2 Creativity, GA3 Ethical practice, GA4 Knowledge of a discipline, GA5 Lifelong learning, GA6 Communication and social skills, GA7 Cultural competence.

- Standard 1h online workshop, 2h tutorial

My Observations/Comments

- Uses C# not Java
- Taught as a bunch of topics without big picture
- Assessments reflect that
- No separate materials for tutorials (good and bad effects)
- Suggestions:
    - Move online workshop material to tutorial
    - Online lecture for big picture and how each topic fits in the big picture
    - Maybe one big example running through the unit on which each topic can be applied
    - Assessment 2 change to group assessment with the group going through partial management process

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CourseLand vs UnitLand

Start with 'capstone' units

Then other major units
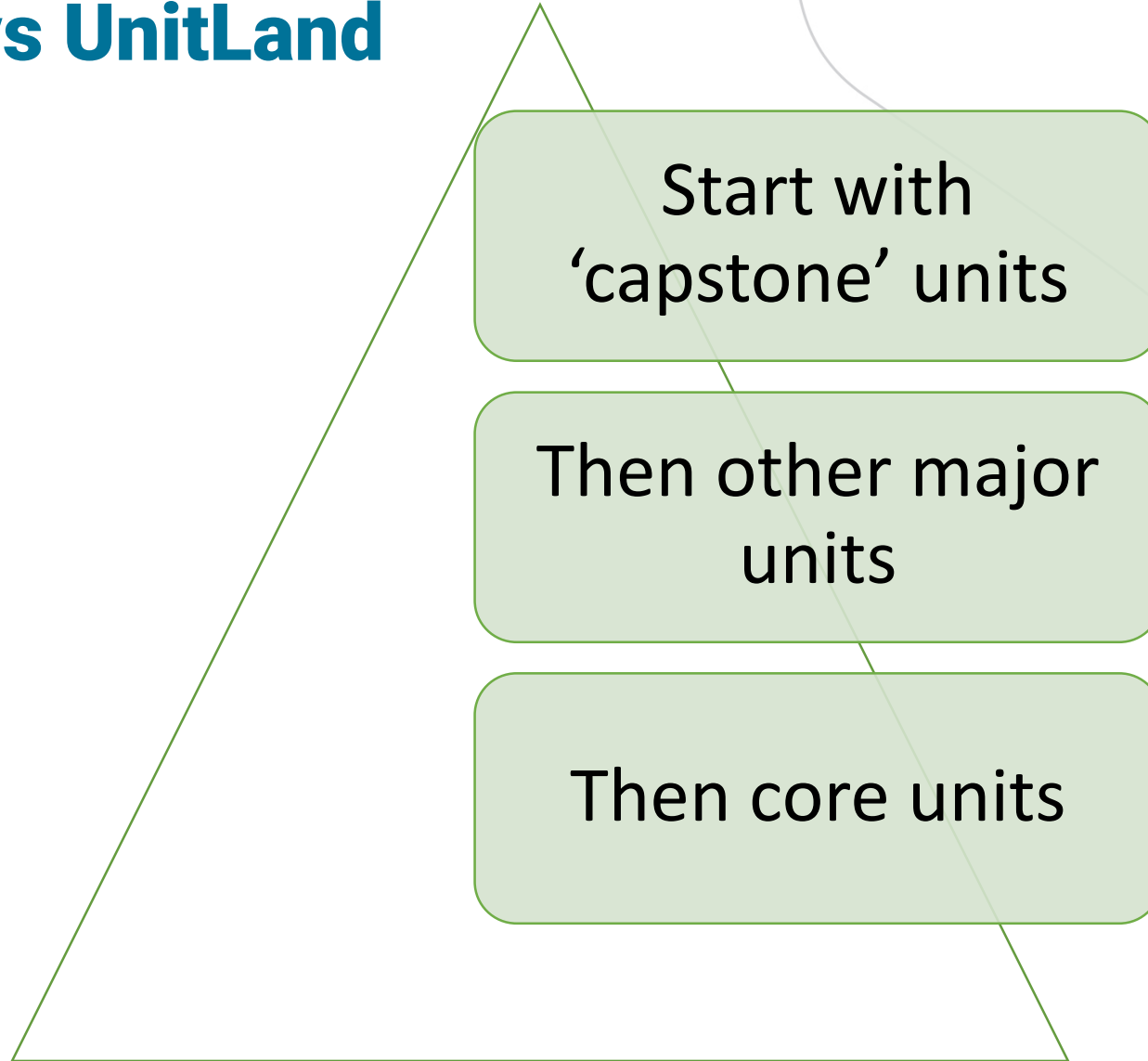
Then core units

Success of CourseLand approach

Business Analytics (Data Science) major
- Looked at core units, and capstone unit
- Used some business units
- Minimised outlay keep quality

Networks and Cybersecurity major
- Used core units, and capstone unit – identified consequential changes
- Presented stages to discipline

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Success of Discipline Team

Closely-knit group

Work well together

Knowledge of strengths

Knowledge of weaknesses

Vote with our feet

Security

Know the whole course(s)

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Challenges – thank you 2020!

Changing Group Dynamics

- Unhappy people
- New staff

Requires a champion (or more)

- Clear vision
- Avoid overload

Changing degree structure

- MIT going for accreditation
- New majors in BIT

Changing Faculty!

- IT moving to Faculty of Science and Engineering

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Celebrating Success

- Individual and group
- Modelling for others

No room for competition/pulling down others

- "A rising tide floats all boats"

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Questions? Discussion?

Thank you for your time.

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