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Dear ATEM Member,

RE: INVITATION TO PARTICPATE IN AN ONLINE SURVEY ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES OF LEADERSHIP IN UNVERSITIES.

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I am writing to commend to you a PhD research survey by Heather Davis, also an ATEM Member. Part of Heather's research is concerned with investigating whether leadership literacies for the knowledge era are being practiced in Australian universities. Heather has chosen to gather the views and experiences of work and leadership in the contemporary Australian university through your eyes. That is, through the lens of professional staff and executive managers. This kind of information has not been captured before and so a broad brush online survey has been designed.

You have been randomly selected from the population of eligible ATEM members who work in Australian universities and are either employed as Higher Education Workers (HEW) or in a senior position other than 100% academic and employed through executive contract/salary. (If you have received this invitation in error and do not fit this criteria please contact Maree Conway at ATEM (profdevelopment@atem.org.au)).

For ethical reasons due to the researcher also being a member of ATEM, the Secretariat has agreed to act as an intermediary between ATEM members and the researcher so that the researcher cannot influence or indeed know the identity of members who have been selected. All correspondence between the researcher and participants will be via the Secretariat. The survey is also anonymous.

As you may be aware, professional staff are usually an underrepresented group within Australian higher education research, literature and policy analysis. The best way to help ATEM in general, and Heather in particular, to convey your interests on the matter of leadership in the higher education sector is to complete this survey. Heather and I are mindful of how busy you are, and appreciate the effort and time it will take to complete the survey. Given the chance to add your voice to higher education research in Australia we are hopeful that you will invest this time and take up the challenge.

Yours sincerely

Dr Stephen Weller
ATEM President