We Are All Educators: Using LEAP to Engage the Campus in Student Success

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- Our campus: Who we are
- Wisconsin: A challenging context
- Our rallying point: “We are all educators”
- LEAP: A framework to engage campus
LEAP

A national initiative launched in 2005 by AAC&U that champions the importance of a 21st century liberal education.

Wisconsin was the first LEAP state: 2005.
We are responsible both individually and collectively for the fate of our universities and higher education.

Always remember our noble sense of purpose.
LEAP Elements

- Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs)
- Principles of Excellence (POEs)
- High-Impact Practices (HIPs)
- VALUE Rubrics
- Inclusive Excellence (IE)
Engaging the Campus

- Workshop model
- Since 2011: 135 teams, 651 participants
- Inclusive: We are all educators
- Examples: Teams and actions
Impacts of LEAP

- Rally around the ELOs, campus-wide
- Communicate the value of a liberal education to everyone, including students
- Focus on Inclusive Excellence, including equity gaps
- Evaluate, expand, improve, connect HIPs
- Shared mission: “We are all educators”
- Collaborative campus culture focused on student success
NSSE Data

• In 2010 – Response option was Done or Not; in 2013 changed to Done or In Progress
A Campus LEAP Culture

LEAP contributes to a campus culture of collaboration and a focus on student success, facilitating our efforts on:

- Record enrollments
- Increased minority enrollment
- Record retention rates
- Record graduation rates
- Workplace awards (morale)
Challenges

• Tracking specific outcomes related to LEAP work
• Connecting LEAP work to new university strategic goals and priorities
• Focusing LEAP efforts on eliminating our equity retention and graduation gaps
• Engaging new people (beyond “the choir”)

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What’s next?

A Bigger LEAP!

- LEAP is a foundation for important goals in our new university strategic and academic plans
- “Bigger LEAP” challenge to campus
- Campus participation in other projects
  - Re-imagining the First Year Project (AASCU)
  - Academic Innovation Project
  - ePortfolio Project
Discussion: Your Campus Examples

1. How do you, or would you, use LEAP on your campus?

2. What’s one thing you learned today that you will take back to your campus?

3. What are your next steps for taking a bigger LEAP?
Thank you!