

**Docket Item:**

Informational Presentation to the Subcommittee on LEAP (Liberal Education & America's Promise)

**Summary:**

**LEAP** (Liberal Education & America's Promise) is a signature initiative by the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) to promote a "21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision" for liberal learning. That vision includes state-level efforts to

- Align Essential Learning Outcomes across the disciplines
- Create opportunities for faculty to lead the transformation of liberal education
- Find new models for transfer and articulation to increase student completion
- Create observable and measurable evidentiary frameworks for assessing student learning throughout a student's academic career.

The Oregon University System (OUS) led the efforts to establish and coordinate LEAP initiatives throughout the state from 2008-2014. HECC does not have the governance role that OUS once had, but the agency seeks to collaborate with established faculty and administrative groups to support and draw attention to this important work. The committee will also hear about **Passport**, a LEAP-related initiative to create new, learning-outcomes based framework for student transfer. Passport is funded by the Gates Foundation, and Oregon is a participant in this multi-state initiative led by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

Today's presentation is meant to stimulate a discussion about LEAP and the state's role in supporting and coordinating these initiatives in light of the current statewide conversations about academic quality and student success. SSIC's focus on alignment across institutions, seamless transfer, and institutional collaboration make this committee an essential participant in those conversations. LEAP initiatives can give those conversations shape and coherence.

**Docket Material:**

- PowerPoint presentation by Sean Pollack (HECC staff), Paul Disney (WOU), Kenneth Doxsee (UO), and Donald Wolff (EOU)
- Passport brochure
- **Suggested further reading:**
  - Susan Albertine, "Systemic Change for Student Success: Goals and Lessons of the LEAP States Initiative." *Peer Review*, Spring 2011, v. 13, no. 2. <http://www.aacu.org/publications-research/periodicals/systemic-change-student-success-goals-and-lessons-leap-states>



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- Rebecca Dolinsky, Ann Ferren, and Heather McCambly. “Collaborative, Faculty-Led Efforts for Sustainable Change.” *Peer Review*, Fall/Winter 2015, v. 16/17, no. 4/1.  
<http://www.aacu.org/peerreview/2014-2015/fall-winter/research>