LEARNING IN THE LEGACY YEAR!
Creating a Student Learning Legacy through LEAP West!

Engage West LDI – November 2, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

At UWG, we define Legacy as “an expectation of excellence and accountability” that will only be achieved if we foster an environment of continued assessment and improvement. This dedication to create a legacy for our students—both those who are here now or who will attend in the future—is at the heart of UWG’s emerging LEAP West! initiatives. Through LEAP West! UWG is committed to engaged collaboration and partnerships between staff and faculty in support of student learning and success; high impact educational practices inside and beyond the classroom that will support and improve student retention and progression toward graduation; faculty leadership in course and curriculum design aligned with best national practices; and equipping students with the practical skills, problem-solving abilities, and civic awareness required for personal and professional success in the twenty-first century. LEAP West! is aligned with UWG's Strategic Imperative I (Student Success) and will enable us to move closer to our aspirational goal of being the best regional comprehensive university in the nation.

Goals of the LDI:

1. Learn how LEAP, a national initiative, is emerging at UWG and throughout the University System of Georgia as a way to enhance student learning and engagement.

2. Understand how LEAP West! contributes in positive and authentic ways to UWG’s strategic retention, progression, and graduation goals.

3. Explore how to lead your department, unit, and/or division toward greater participation in LEAP West! in ways that are meaningful, effective, and aligned with your organizational goals.

Agenda

9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introduction
Kyle Marrero, President

9:10 a.m. AAC&U Centennial Video

9:30 a.m. The LEAP Vision for UWG
Micheal Crafton, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Work Group Session I: Exploring Essential Learning Outcomes, Principles of Excellence, and High Impact Practices

11:00 a.m. Plenary Address, Dr. C. Edward Watson
Chief Information Officer and Associate Vice President for Quality, Advocacy, and LEAP Initiatives, Office of Quality, Curriculum, and Assessment, American Association of Colleges & Universities
12:00 noon  
Work Group Session I, Conclusion
Discussion and Further Questions

12:15 pm  
Lunch

1:00 p.m.  
Work Group Session II: Developing a LEAP Plan

2:00 p.m.  
Break

2:15 p.m.  
Work Group Session II, Reports

2:45 p.m.  
Wrap Up & Next Steps for LEAP West!

3:00 p.m.  
Adjourn

**Plenary Speaker Biography**

C. Edward Watson, Ph.D. is Associate Vice President for Quality, Advocacy, and LEAP Initiatives with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) and formerly director of the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Georgia. He is the founding executive editor of the International Journal of ePortfolio, the executive editor of the International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, and has published on teaching and learning in a number of journals, including *Change*, *Educational Technology*, *EDUCAUSE Review*, the *Journal for Effective Teaching*, and *To Improve the Academy*, among others. He is also on the board of directors for the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning, the Association for Authentic, Experiential, and Evidenced-based Learning, and the Reacting to the Past Consortium. He has recently been quoted in the *New York Times*, *Campus Technology*, *EdSurge*, and *University Business Magazine* and on CNN and NPR regarding current teaching and learning issues and trends in higher education. He is also the author of two new books, *Teaching Naked Techniques: A Practical Guide to Designing Better Classes* (Jossey-Bass) and *Playing to Learn with Reacting to the Past: Research on High Impact, Active Learning Practices* (Palgrave MacMillan), both published in 2017.