



winter 2023 executive director's report

activities in our consortium for the past six months
june - december 2023

beard leadership circle

july 2023, sonoma state university

the two-day, third annual Beard Leadership Circle focused on skills for being a department chair/program leader at a public liberal arts college

38 department chairs/program leaders participated in the 2023 BLC
21 member institutions sent leaders to this year's BLC (70% of COPLAC)

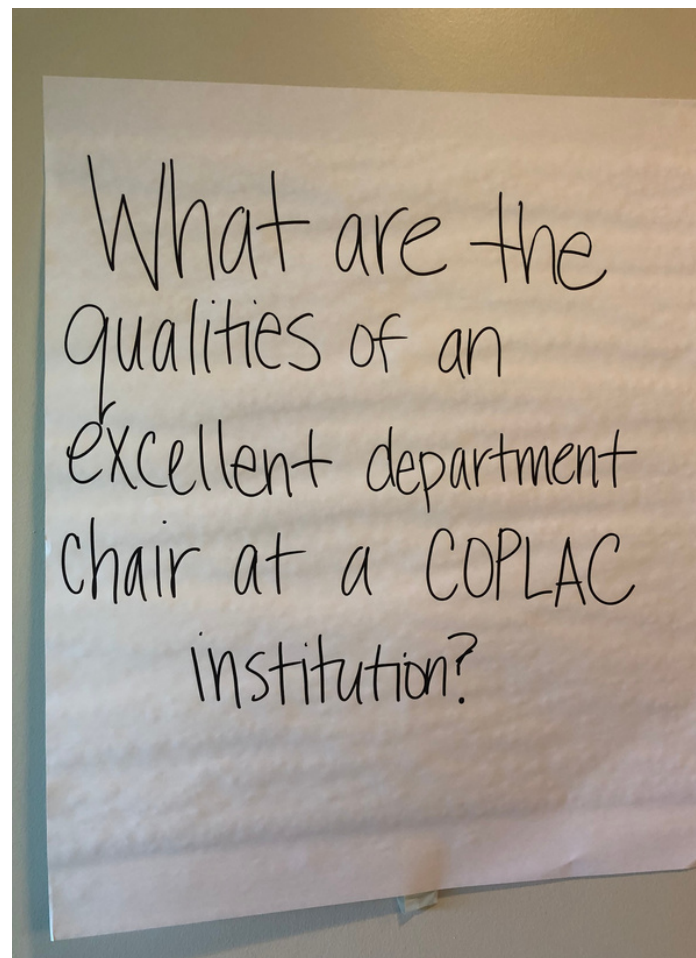
the 2023 cohort participated in workshops and mentoring sessions on such topics as:

- consensus building
- budgets & budget models
- assessing organizational structures
- administering with emotional intelligence
- difficult conversations & messy issues
- conflict management styles
- supporting faculty success
- supporting student success
- dei work in contentious environments
- curriculum development & change
- the chair's role in rtp
- leadership at a public liberal arts college
- positive academic leadership

special thanks

to the BLC mentors & organizers:

- Claire Bailey COPLAC
- Troi Carleton Sonoma State University
- Eric Dickson Truman State University
- Susan Hangen Ramapo College
- Randall Helmstutler University of Mary Washington
- Katie Gantz St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Karen Moranski Sonoma State University
- Kim Purdy Sonoma State University
- Bill Salka Eastern Connecticut State University
- Hannah Walters Northern State University
- Cole Woodcox COPLAC



beard leadership circle

july 2023, sonoma state university

Congratulations to the BLC class of 2023!



Jennifer Amox	Midwestern State University Texas
Florence Bouvet	Sonoma State University
Brenda Brown	University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Christine Cali	Sonoma State University
Chiara Cannella	Fort Lewis College
Garrett Dancik	Eastern Connecticut State University
Wes Flinn	University of Minnesota Morris
David Gillette	University of North Carolina Asheville
Mark Gondree	Sonoma State University
Steven Granich	Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania
Shipra Gupta	University of Illinois Springfield
Rachel Jones	University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Stefan Kiesbye	Sonoma State University
Lise Kloeppeel	University of North Carolina Asheville
Eric Lippincott	Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania
Tanya Lueder	Louisiana State University of Alexandria
Anne McIntosh	University of Alberta, Augustana Campus
Steve Muchiri	Eastern Connecticut State University
Libby Murphy	Georgia College & State University
Candace Nadon	Fort Lewis College
Aaron Neeley	Truman State University
Ray Ozley	University of Montevallo
Mykola Polyuha	Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania
Jeannie Pridmore	Georgia College & State University
Tiece Ruffin	University of North Carolina Asheville
Nicholle Schuelke	University of Wisconsin Superior
Nicole Schutter	Northern State University
Kaitlin Springmier	Sonoma State University
Emily Tarleton	Vermont State University - Johnson
Amelia Tebbe	Indiana University Kokomo
Tih-Fen Ting	University of Illinois Springfield
Cynthia Thomas	Louisiana State University of Alexandria
Jonathan Totushe	University of Wisconsin Superior
Magic Wade	University of Illinois Springfield
Michael Walker	University of Montevallo
Raymond Willis	Midwestern State University Texas

undergraduate student research, scholarly, and creative activities conference

northeast regional URSCA
hosted by ramapo college

october 2023

47 students presented, representing:

- ramapo college
- keene state college
- massachusetts college of liberal arts
- eastern connecticut state university
- suny - geneseo

9 poster presentations

5 visual art presentations

21 oral presentations

mid-west/west regional URSCA
hosted by sonoma state university

november 2023

20 students presented, representing:

- sonoma state university
- midwestern state university texas

2 poster presentations

15 oral presentations



Future Plans



- February 16, 2024 -- Deadline for Beard Leadership Circle nominations
- March 1, 2024 – Deadline for Dunn & Prior Awards
- April 19 - 20, 2024 – Southeast Regional URSCA @ University of Montevallo
- June 10, 2024 – Board of Directors Meeting @ St. Mary's College of Maryland
- June 9 – 11, 2024 – Summer Summit @ St. Mary's College of Maryland
- June 20 – 22, 2024 – Summer Institute: World Languages @ UNC Asheville
- July 23 - 26, 2024 – Beard Leadership Circle: Dept Chairs @ Sonoma State University
- October 2024 (date TBD) – Northeast Regional URSCA (host TBD)
- November 2024 (date TBD) – Midwest/West Regional Virtual URSCA (host TBD)
- January 22, 2025 – Board of Directors Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- January 23 - 25, 2025 – AAC&U @ Washington, D.C.
- June 2025 – Summer Institute: Health Sciences @ UNC Asheville
- June 2025 – Summer Summit @ SUNY Geneseo
- January 21, 2026 – Board of Directors Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- January 22 - 24, 2026 – AAC&U @ Washington, D.C.
- June 2026 – Summer Summit @ UVA Wise