LEAP State Georgia Mission Statement and Bylaws

LEAP values, the values of liberal education, are essential for future professionals, future citizens, and future leaders. LEAP Sate Georgia is committed to the Principles of Excellence toward the goals of inclusivity, civic connection, and lifelong inquiry.

Campuses and Partners: The LEAP State Georgia Consortium comprises colleges and universities of the University System of Georgia and independent institutions interested in partnership. Led by the LEAP State Georgia Steering Committee, the Consortium facilitates the organization and coordination of LEAP activities throughout the state and welcomes all institutions to participate.

Organizational History: LEAP State Georgia was officially recognized by the University System of Georgia and the American Association of Colleges and Universities in 2016.

LEAP State Georgia Steering Committee Bylaws

Article 1: Organization Name

LEAP State Georgia Steering Committee

Article 2: Steering Committee Mission

The LEAP State Georgia Steering Committee's mission is to facilitate coordination among and majority vote) at the request of the committee membership or the member institutions. These may includ

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making recommendations on USG and institutional policies that impact LEAP initiatives.

Article 3: Steering Committee Membership

- 2. Design an organizational system that ensures LEAP State Georgia is fulfilling its stated mission;
- 3. Respond to the needs of LEAP State Georgia institutions;
- 4. Maintain minutes of meetings and a record of activities;

- 5. Facilitate communication among LEAP State Georgia institutions, and report to institutions on LEAP State Georgia progress;
- 6. Report to the Chancellor's staff at the USG system office at least once a year;
- 7. Communicate with AAC&U about LEAP State Georgia initiatives and progress;
- 8. Periodically communicate about LEAP State Georgia organizational decisions and activities to external stakeholders as needed or requested;
- 9. Hold two meetings per year, either face-to-face and/or virtual;
- 10. Hold one annual conference per year.

Article 5: Meetings and Voting

1. **Regular meetings:** One LEAP State Georgia meeting should be held in fall and one in spring. The spring meeting may be held at the annual conference. With the approval of the membership, meetings may be held in an electronic or virtual format.

2. Special meetings: The officers or a simple majority of the LEAP State Georgia Steering Committee

1. **Standing Subcommittees:** These committees shall be constituted to serve a permanent or long-term purpose and can be created at any time by the majority vote of the committee members. The LEAP State Georgia Executive Committee shall be a standing subcommittee and shall consist of a