**Who We Are**

- Founded in 1988 with six original member campuses
- 27 member campuses today in 25 states and one Canadian province
- Small to medium-sized campuses (median 3500 students)
- Focus on undergraduate education in small classroom setting
- Strong commitment to arts and sciences core curriculum
- 50% or more graduates with degrees in arts and sciences disciplines
- Growing emphasis on UR as a recognized high impact practice
- Annual Southeast and Northeast Regional UR conferences
- Undergraduate Research E-Journal, *Metamorphosis*

**Major Challenges**

- Voluntary aspect of all major initiatives. No state system requirements.
- Maintaining campus buy-in (and momentum) across multiple states.
- Building and sharing faculty expertise to assist member campuses in strengthening undergraduate research

**June 2012**

- 21 of 27 campuses (95 faculty) participate in initial CUR Workshop at UNC Asheville
- Campuses begin submitting semi-annual progress reports to COPLAC project website

**December 2011**

- 21 campus leaders participate in wrap-up workshop at UVa-Wise and set goals for 2012-2013
- COPLAC transitions to LEAP “State” membership with focus on undergraduate research
- Two-year Teagle Foundation grant to test distance mentoring

**January 2013**

- First one-on-one undergraduate research distance mentoring projects begin
- First small group UR distance mentoring project begins
- COPLAC Board begins planning for consortium-wide project on civic learning/engagement including opportunities for community-based undergraduate research

**June 2013**

- Eleven campus, 14 student distance mentoring UR project begins to research and build digital liberal arts project on campus experiences during WWI

**January 2014**

- Eleven member campuses commit to formation of a planning group for civic learning/civic engagement initiative. Group meeting scheduled for June 2014 with project launch in August 2014.