COE Higher Education Leadership Professor Frankie Laanan, Ph.D., served as a mentor at the 2016 Project Kaleidoscope Summer Leadership Institute for STEM Faculty. The five-day intensive Institute provided faculty participants with the theory and practice required to effectively manage the politics of transforming undergraduate STEM education in their classrooms, departments, and institutions and contribute to the national STEM higher education reform effort. The Institute was sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U).

This is the second year Laanan has participated in the Summer Leadership Institute as a mentor. His role has been to guide the Institute and contribute first-hand experience in institutional change leadership at the local and national levels. Mentors work with participants to shape a personal agenda for leadership and develop an action plan for either an ongoing or new undergraduate STEM initiative at either the campus or national levels. Additionally, Laanan conducted two workshops: 1) Finding Your Leadership Strengths; and 2) Framing Your Challenge and Understanding Your Opportunities.

In addition, Laanan sits on the Project Kaleidoscope Advisory Board. Project Kaleidoscope is AAC&U’s STEM higher education reform center dedicated to empowering STEM faculty to graduate more students in STEM fields who are competitively trained and liberally educated.