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Mona Gardner, Associate Dean of Faculty, Reappointed to 3-Year Post

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—Mona Gardner has been reappointed to a second three-year term as associate dean of faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University.

IWU President Minor Myers, jr., who reappointed Gardner, announced the decision on March 1. "For the past three years," Myers said, "Provost [Janet] McNew and I have watched with admiration as Mona Gardner has created the role of associate dean of the faculty. The Mellon Center now plays a vital role in the support and development of the faculty, thanks primarily to Associate Dean Gardner's resourcefulness and unflagging energy."

As associate dean of faculty, Gardner is responsible for a wide range of programs and policies affecting faculty and curriculum development, including research grants and new faculty orientation programs. Recently, she has been involved in securing grants to support IWU's information technology efforts and a new environmental studies minor. Gardner also played a key role in bringing Woodrow Wilson and Fulbright scholars to campus. She also helped conduct a university self-study developed in connection with a Feb. 25 IWU visit by Phi Beta Kappa, the national honor society that is considering IWU for membership.

Gardner—IWU's Adlai H. Rust Professor of Insurance/Finance and former director of the Division of Business and Economics — received the university's top teaching award in 1993, the DuPont Award for Teaching Excellence.

Over the next three years, Gardner expects to play a role in a university self-study in connection with IWU's 2002 reaccreditation by the North Central Association. Gardner also is planning to be proactive in encouraging greater use of technology in the classroom, where appropriate. She also looks forward to working with faculty on developing new curricular areas such as African Studies and helping IWU to showcase existing programs in the Humanities.

Gardner's plans include the possibility of devising a program for IWU to host one or two graduate students a year—who are just completing their degrees—to teach a course.

"This would give these graduate students," Gardner said, "teaching experience and it would give our faculty a chance to mentor them. Such a program could serve as a faculty recruitment network."

Gardner received a bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University, a master's degree from Columbia University, and a master's in business administration degree and a doctorate from the University of Cincinnati.

Gardner joined IWU in 1988 after serving for eight years on the faculty of Illinois State University. Previously, she was an instructor in finance at Miami University (Ohio) and the University of Cincinnati, and an administrator at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Gardner is the author or co-author of several books, including "Managing Financial Institutions: An Asset/Liability Approach."

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 students in a College of Liberal Arts, and individual schools of Music, Theatre Arts, Art, and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletics and recreation center, a \$25 million science center, a

\$6.8 million residence hall, and a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts.

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