



Winter 12-4-2008

Frick Named Accreditation Consultant-Evaluator

Rachel Hatch

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/news>

Recommended Citation

Hatch, Rachel, "Frick Named Accreditation Consultant-Evaluator" (2008). *News and Events*. 4710.

<https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/news/4710>

This Article is protected by copyright and/or related rights. It has been brought to you by Digital Commons @ IWU with permission from the rights-holder(s). You are free to use this material in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use. For other uses you need to obtain permission from the rights-holder(s) directly, unless additional rights are indicated by a Creative Commons license in the record and/ or on the work itself. This material has been accepted for inclusion by faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@iwu.edu.

©Copyright is owned by the author of this document.

December 4, 2008

Contact: Rachel Hatch, (309) 556-3960

Frick Named Accreditation Consultant-Evaluator

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University Associate Provost for Academic Services Jeff Frick has been named a consultant-evaluator in the Peer Review Corps of The Higher Learning Commission.

The Commission is an independent corporation recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, which evaluates and offers guidance to higher education institutions working toward accreditation. As a consultant-evaluator, Frick will travel to colleges and universities as part of a team of Peer Review Corps members to determine if criteria for accreditation are being met.

“The idea behind accreditation is to ensure universities and colleges are meeting expectations in areas such as integrity, student learning, effective teaching and service,” said Frick, who finished the intensive training to become a consultant-evaluator in November. “More than a checklist of what they do and don’t need to have, accreditation is proof that an institution is working to meet the needs of its various constituents.”

Frick will travel to one or two peer institutions a year within the 19 states covered by The Higher Learning Commission. Along with evaluating institutions, Frick and his fellow consultants will provide ideas to help with improvement. “A major focus of the Commission is continuous improvement,” said Frick. “We will be there to offer suggestions and help institutions think toward the future.”

Illinois Wesleyan will be up for accreditation review in 2013. Frick believes his participation on the Peer Review Board will bring a better understanding to the process. “I’m hopeful my training will be useful to the University as we approach our next accreditation visit,” he said.

Frick earned a degree in chemistry from Augustana College in 1986, and his doctorate in chemistry from Loyola University of Chicago in 1991, where he received the Dumbach Medal in 1990. Joining Illinois Wesleyan in 1992 as a member of the chemistry faculty, Frick served as chair of the department from 1999 to 2004. In 1995, he was named Professor of the Year by the

Illinois Wesleyan student body, and was also inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Frick was tapped to be the assistant provost and registrar in 2005, promoted to associate provost for academic services in 2008.

A member of the 1996 class of Project Kaleidoscope Faculty for the 21st Century, Frick is also part of the F21 Network of Department Chairs and Senior Administrators. He has co-authored many papers – including several on the chemistry of pesticide contamination – and helped author two chemistry textbooks. Frick has been an editorial reviewer for the *Journal of Organic Chemistry*, *Tetrahedron Letters*, *Organic Letters*, *Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry* and the *Journal of Chemical Education*. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society.

-30-