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Frank Boyd Named Provost and Dean of Faculty

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Effective Aug. 1, 2010, Frank Boyd, associate provost for academic planning and standards, became the interim provost and dean of faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University. He replaces Beth Cunningham, who has taken the position as executive director of the American Association of Physics Teachers in College Park, Md.

“I was gratified at the confidence President Wilson demonstrated by asking me to assume these responsibilities,” said Boyd. “It’s a very big job at a propitious time in our institutions history.”

As provost, Boyd is responsible for all academic functions at the University, including hiring faculty, working with faculty members on revisions and additions to the curriculum and in the president’s absence, will act as the chief operating officer on campus.

This summer, prior to his installment as provost, Boyd worked closely with Cunningham and President Wilson to prepare for his duties. “They [Cunningham and President Wilson] have been very supportive in establishing the priorities for the new year and figuring out what needs to be done first,” said Boyd. “It’s going to be a very busy year.”

Boyd, who was raised by his parents Jane and Charles Moulthrop in Dothan, Ala., joined the Illinois Wesleyan political science faculty in 1995, and later served as department chair. Prior to coming to IWU, he taught at Olgehorpe University in Atlanta, Ga., and Georgia State University. Boyd earned his bachelor’s degree in Latin American studies from the University of Alabama in 1989, and his doctorate in political science from Emory University in Atlanta in 1996.

Named Illinois Wesleyan Professor of the Year by the Student Senate in 1997 and again in 1999, Boyd received a Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Teaching Excellence in 1999.

Before joining Illinois Wesleyan, Boyd acted as a coordinator and observer in 1992 of Mexican State elections in Michoacan and Chihuahua, as well as a project coordinator of Mexican observations of elections in the United States.

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