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March 23, 1992 Stew Salowitz , Bob Aaron

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Two long-time members of the Illinois Wesleyan University faculty have been selected to serve in the acting positions of Provost and Dean of the Faculty for the 1992-93 academic year, it was announced today by IWU President Minor Myers, jr.

Roger H. Schnaitter will serve as acting provost and Pamela D. Muirhead will be the acting dean of the faculty, positions held by Ellen S. Hurwitz, who was named earlier this week as president of Albright College in Reading, Pa.

The transitions at Wesleyan will take place Aug. 1.

To permanently fill the positions, Myers said that Wesleyan's Committee on University Policies and Procedures is already making plans for a national search, which will be conducted in the fall under the guidance of an elected committee.

Schnaitter, who has served as associate dean for academic affairs since 1988, joined the Wesleyan faculty in 1969, became chairman of the psychology department in 1971, and was director of IWU's science division from 1977 to 1990. In that capacity he was responsible for the departments of biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics, as well as the interdisciplinary natural science program.

A native of Beloit, Wis., he earned his bachelor's and doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota. He was promoted to full professor of psychology at Wesleyan in 1979.

An associate professor of English, Muirhead joined the IWU faculty in 1972. She graduated from Wesleyan in 1968, received her master's degree from Northwestern University, and her doctorate from the University of Illinois.

A Chicago native, Muirhead is co-director of the Bloomington-Normal Black History Consortium and is currently serving a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Humanities Council. At Wesleyan she has previously served as acting head of the humanities division and was the IWU Century Club honoree in 1989 for teaching excellence.