**Faculty Discussion Question for the April 7th Meeting—**
*The New University Mission Statement*

Here is CUPP’s latest and best work on drafting a new mission statement for Illinois Wesleyan University. It reflects not only CUPP’s language and ideas, but those from CUPP constituents who have responded to our first publication of a draft late in 2002.

We wish for free and frank discussion of what we’ve come up with, yet we ask that our conversation today focus on the draft’s conception of what the University is, rather than the style in which that conception is embodied. This, we believe, will help us all keep to the essential question: is this mission statement truly as statement of our mission?

We of CUPP cordially invite you, then, to read what we’ve written and come to Faculty Meeting ready to discuss! Thanks.

**Draft Mission Statement (114 words)**
*Approved by CUPP, 2 April, 2003*

Illinois Wesleyan University, founded in 1850, is an independent, residential liberal arts university. Recognized nationally for excellence in undergraduate education, we are a collegiate community of scholars and artists. Our distinctive curricula in the liberal arts, fine arts and professional programs are designed to insure the fullest self-realization for our students. We teach better thinking, writing and speaking; we teach the acquisition of disciplines-academic, professional and artistic. In striving to improve the mind we are committed to a diverse campus life which both challenges and supports students in their intellectual and personal growth. Our broadest goal is to prepare all students for the demands of democratic citizenship and life in a global society.