



## **Public Disclosure Notice on Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture**

November 4, 2010

The following public information is provided by the Higher Learning Commission regarding Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture to assist current and prospective students and other individuals seeking information about the accreditation status of the institution. The Higher Learning Commission is the regional accrediting agency that accredits institutions of higher education in the 19 states of the North Central region.

### **Current Status of Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture**

Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, located in Scottsdale, Arizona, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; it has been placed On Notice.

On Notice is a Commission sanction indicating that an institution is pursuing a course of action that, if continued, could lead the institution to be in jeopardy of no longer meeting the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation. An institution On Notice remains accredited. At the end of the On Notice period the Board of Trustees may remove the sanction or consider placing the institution on probation, if the identified concerns have not been remedied.

### **Recent Board Action regarding Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture**

On November 4, 2010, the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees voted to place Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture On Notice. The Criteria for Accreditation identified in the Board's action are: **Criterion One** ("Mission and Integrity"), specifically **Core Component 1d** ("The organization's governance and administration structures and processes promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes to fulfill its mission") because of concerns related to the governance of the College and its relationship to the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation; and **Criterion Two** ("Preparing for the Future: The organization's allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities") because of concerns related to the institution's finances, timeliness and consistency of financial information, and allocation of resources to the School from the Foundation.

### **Next Steps for Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture**

In order to be removed from On Notice, the Board requires that Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture submit an On Notice report by October 5, 2011, in preparation for the previously scheduled comprehensive evaluation visit that will take place on December 5, 2011. The report must provide evidence that each concern related to the institution's compliance with the Criteria

for Accreditation has been ameliorated and must include specific documents related to administration, governance, finances and planning.

The Board requires that Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture will have a comprehensive evaluation as scheduled on December 5, 2011, and that the visit will validate the contents of the On Notice report and determine whether the concerns of the Board identified in its November 4 action have been ameliorated. At the Board meeting in June 2012, the Trustees will review the On Notice report and the report of the evaluation team and decide whether continued sanctions are warranted.