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For Immediate Release:

TERM EXPIRES MONDAY FOR EIU TRUSTEE; NEW BOARD MEMBER TO BE NAMED

CHARLESTON – Jeffery Lezotte, a member of Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees, will see his term end on Monday, Jan. 17, 2005.

His appointment by Governor George Ryan became effective Sept. 29, 1999, and was set to expire next week. Lezotte recently received a letter from the office of current Governor Rod Blagojevich, confirming that the governor has selected a new individual to serve in the position.

The identity of that new trustee has not yet been released.

Lezotte, who is a 1986 graduate of Eastern, earned his bachelor's degree in finance. His knowledge and experience in the banking industry has proven to be invaluable to Eastern over the years. In addition to his work on the Finance Committee, Lezotte has worked closely with Jeff Cooley, EIU's vice president for business affairs, regarding the university's financial matters.

"We are grateful for Mr. Lezotte's tenure on the Board of Trustees," said EIU President Lou Hencken. "His expertise on financial matters has been an asset to our university. We wish Mr. Lezotte the very best and thank him for his service to Eastern."