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WEIDNER NAMED ASSOCIATE VPAA

CHARLESTON, IL--Terry Weidner of Charleston has been named associate vice president for academic affairs at Eastern Illinois University. He had been serving as the acting associate VPAA since Nov. 18, 1991.

Eastern President David Jorns said, "Dr. Weidner has performed extremely well in an acting capacity, and I am confident that he will continue to use his demonstrated leadership to move the academic affairs area forward. His experience in the classroom and as an administrator will contribute to the overall effectiveness of the university."

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Weidner's primary responsibility will be to assist Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Barbara Hill in the coordination, supervision and administration of Eastern's academic program. Other duties include, but are not limited to, initiating, reviewing and tracing academic budgets, acting as liaison between the provost and vice president for academic affairs and other segments of the academic community, undertaking specialized reviews and studies in the areas of academic affairs and reviewing promotion and tenure recommendations and other personnel actions.

Hill said, "Dr. Weidner brings a wealth of experience to the position. He is a competent and dedicated leader who will provide valuable insight into our academic program and will facilitate communication among campus constituencies."

Will Hine, dean of Eastern's School of Adult and Continuing Education, served as chair of the 13-member search committee, composed of faculty, administrators and students who evaluated more than 50 candidates and narrowed the field to four finalists. The final selection was made by Hill.

"Dr. Weidner competed against individuals from across the country and was selected based on his previous administrative experience, strong teaching record, research and creative activity, excellent communication skills and leadership qualities," Hine said.

Weidner joined Eastern's botany faculty as an assistant professor in 1964. Since 1976 when he was named department chairman, he has divided his duties equally between that of department chair and professor.

He earned his bachelor's degree in biology from West Chester State University in Pennsylvania and master's and doctorate degrees in plant physiology from The Ohio State University. At Eastern, he has chaired the Council on Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate and served on numerous university committees, including the Council on Faculty Research and Council on University Budget.

He is also a member of the American Society of Plant Physiology, Illinois Academy of Science and Botany/Plant Science Department Chairs Organization.