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SELF-EVALUATION COMMITTEE'S GOAL

CHARLESTON, IL--A key committee in Eastern Illinois University's intensive year-long survey of its undergraduate education program is reviewing the inter-dependent areas of recruitment, admission, orientation, and retention of students.

Headed by Dr. Steve Whitley, an EIU Zoology professor, the group is concentrating on a self-evaluation of the existing system. "We're depending heavily on the faculty," said Dr. Whitley. "Their perception of where we are, as opposed to where they think we should be, is a key element in our effort. We need their views on EIU and its current situation."

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Meeting weekly, the committee is doing a self-evaluation on Eastern's recruitment, admission, orientation, and retention efforts. The committee is not only evaluating any possible changes that might be suggested, but also emphasizing the many strengths inherent in the current programs.

"We also hope to consider a model for a more formal orientation program for our new freshmen and transfer students," he noted. "We are taking a close look at who EIU students are, their backgrounds, and those factors which were essential in their decision to attend Eastern."

"Eastern is a fine university and we're proud to be a part of this effort to make it even better. By the time we're finished, we hope to have a better feel for where we are, where we want to be, and how to get there," he said.