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TANEJA AT EIU

CHARLESTON, IL--The study of higher level administration has attracted Western Illinois University professor, Dr. Vidya Taneja to Eastern Illinois University.

Taneja, a professor in the department of mathematics at Western, is here on the Board of Governors Administrative Fellows Program. The program is designed to expand the candidate pool of minorities and women for higher level administrative positions. Taneja is one of the first recipients of this opportunity.

Under the direction of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert Kindrick, Taneja is studying the administration of Eastern.

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At each BOG campus, Taneja said the Fellows program coordinator, BOG Assistant Vice Chancellor Dr. Patricia Rae has arranged panel discussions on administrative topics, in conjunction with BOG meetings. Fellows also meet with the University president and often top administrators for their campus "Learning Experiences."

At Western, Taneja serves on the Council on Curriculum Programs and Instruction, which is similar to the Council on Academic Affairs at Eastern. He also served on the Affirmative Action Administrative Internship Committee. In addition, Taneja developed new academic programs at Western, such as a minor in statistics for undergraduate majors and a major in statistics for bachelor of science degree candidates.

Taneja said he is enjoying Eastern. "The administration has really welcomed me and helped me in every way."

Prior to teaching at Western, Taneja was an instructor at New Mexico State University. He taught in India before coming to the United States and received his doctorate in statistics from the University of Connecticut. He has 28 years experience in higher education.

Over the summer, Taneja presented research papers at two national conferences: "The Multivariate Heteroscedastic Method with Simplified Sampling", presented at the 204th conference of Institute of Mathematical Statistics in Honolulu; and "Discriminant Analysis: Two Heteroscedastic Populations" presented at the joint statistical meetings held in New Orleans, LA. This paper will also appear in the 1988 conference proceedings of the American Statistical Association: social statistics section.

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Taneja, who will be at Eastern through the academic year, said he would recommend the Fellows Program.

"It's very useful," he said. " Even if someone doesn't want to go into administration, it is useful."