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## EIU BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS, CONSIDER HIRING OF NEW COACH

CHARLESTON – After seeing several changes in its makeup over the past year, including the recent resignation of its chairman, Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees will elect new leaders Monday.

Since the previous organizational meeting in April, the eight-member board has seated four new trustees: Don Yost of Charleston, Robert D. Webb of Mattoon, Roger L. Kratochvil of Mt. Olive and Leo Welch of O'Fallon. Those members replaced Jeffery Lezotte, Betsy Mitchell, Julie Sullivan and Robert Manion.

In addition, former chairman Nathaniel Anderson resigned March 4 to pursue other interests. Anderson, an EIU alumnus, was among the first members of the BOT, which replaced the Board of Governors system that managed all state universities. Gov. Rod Blagojevich has not yet appointed a new trustee to fill the vacant seat.

The Board of Trustees' agenda also includes several other items:

- The board is to consider authorizing President Lou Hencken to offer a three-year contract to Michael E. Miller, who has been chosen to serve as the head men's basketball coach.
- Robert Augustine and Jill Owen are to review the North Central Association accreditation visit in February. EIU received a glowing report from the NCA site visit team, which has said it will recommend a 10-year reaccreditation for the university.
- A presentation is to be made on the status of the Banner System, which will fully integrate all computer systems on campus and is expected to bring cost savings by fiscal year 2010.
- The board is to vote on a five-year labor contract with Painters District Council No. 58, which represents 20 employees. The agreement was ratified by the union on April 7.
- Meeting dates expected to be approved for 2006 are Feb. 10, March 10, April 24, June 19, Aug. 7, Sept. 15 (pending the football schedule), Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.