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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FIVE EIU ADMINISTRATORS REAPPOINTED

CHARLESTON - Lida Wall, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at Eastern Illinois University, has announced the reappointment of five academic affairs administrators.

They include William Weber, acting associate vice president for academic affairs; Martha Brown, acting dean of the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences; Mary Anne Hanner, acting dean of the College of Sciences; Godson Obia, acting associate dean of the College of Sciences; and Gail Richard, acting chair of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences.

Their reappointments are effective through the end of the fall semester.

"I am pleased that these highly skilled administrators have agreed to continue in their positions through the fall semester. This will provide time for the new provost to become acclimated to the campus, to become familiar with university personnel and to

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

determine the best method for staffing these positions," Wall said.

Blair Lord, vice provost for academic affairs at the University of Rhode Island, was named provost and vice president for academic affairs at Eastern in May and will begin his new duties Aug. 1.

Weber has been at Eastern since 1988, having spent 10 years on the economics faculty before becoming associate dean of the College of Sciences in 1998 and acting associate vice president for academic affairs last year.

Brown taught in Eastern's School of Family and Consumer Sciences for nearly 10 years before joining the university administration in 1988, where she has held a variety of progressively responsible positions while continuing to hold faculty rank in the school.

Hanner joined the communications disorders and sciences faculty in 1981 and went on to direct the university's Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic from 1989 to 1998 before being named acting chair and later chair of CDS.

Obia was hired to teach in Eastern's geology/geography department in 1994 and has served as acting department chair in the chair's absence.

Richard has been on the CDS faculty for 20 years and is regarded as an expert on the topic of autism, having written widely on the subject.