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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SEARCH FOR EIU PRESIDENT ON TRACK

CHARLESTON - Eastern Illinois University's Presidential Search Advisory Committee met today by conference call to finalize language contained in a position description and advertisement for Eastern's next president.

The position description will be posted on a presidential search Web site that is being developed and will contain other search-related and university information.

Robert C. Manion, search committee chair, said the job announcement will be placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education as well as other publications. It will run twice in the Chronicle during the month of November.

Candidates for the presidency are preferred to have senior-level administrative experience and a demonstrated track record of leadership, management and resource development in addition to having earned a doctorate or terminal degree.

Applicants will have until Jan. 7, 2002, to submit their materials to be assured full

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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.

consideration.

Candidates will be required to submit a letter describing their interest in and qualifications for the presidency to include a statement of educational and leadership philosophy, a curriculum vitae and the names and contact information for at least five references.

Manion told committee members that the interview date with three prospective search consultants has been changed from Monday, Nov. 5, to Wednesday, Nov. 7, because of scheduling conflicts. Representatives from the search firm that is selected will return to campus at a later date to seek input from university constituencies on the search process.

Manion also noted that the timeline for the six-month presidential search is still on track with a chief executive officer being named sometime in April 2002.

Louis V. Hencken, former vice president for student affairs, is serving as interim president until a permanent successor is found. He succeeds Carol D. Surles, who resigned earlier this year due to health reasons.