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EIU ADMINISTRATOR PARTICIPATES IN LATINO HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON, IL.--Dr. Robert Kindrick, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Eastern Illinois University, was Eastern's representative at the 5th Legislative District Conference held recently at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"Developing a Legislative Agenda on Latino Access and Retention to Illinois Institutions of Higher Education," was the theme of the conference.

The event is designed to provide a public forum for approximately 300 educators, community members, students and parents to review and analyze the findings and recommendations of the Joint Committee on Minority Student Access to Higher Education, according to Senator Miguel Del Valle of the 5th Legislative District.

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Kindrick was among representatives of the governing boards of Illinois institutions of higher education who participated in a panel discussion on "Reactions to the Findings and Recommendations of the Joint Committee on Minority Student Access to Higher Education."

Del Valle, who introduced the senate joint resolution to establish the Joint Committee on Minority Access to Higher Education, said the committee was empowered to review university admission standards and the adequacy of financial aid for minority students; Chicago public schools' college preparatory offerings; community colleges' transfer rates of minority students to institutions of higher education; and the Educational Partnership Act.

Workshops on access and retention of Latinos in higher education, Chicago public schools' college preparation programs and the utilization of state grants to enhance higher education support for primary and secondary schools followed opening remarks by Del Valle.