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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PROFESSOR AT WESTERN TO VISIT EASTERN ON FELLOWS PROGRAM

CHARLESTON, IL.--Dr. Vidya Taneja, professor in the Department of Mathematics at Western Illinois University, will come to Eastern in the fall as part of the Board of Governors Fellows Program.

Taneja, who was named a BOG Fellow for the 1988-89 academic year, is one of the first recipients of this professional development opportunity for women and minorities. Five people, one from each BOG university, have been named.

The Fellows program permits a year-long released-time assignment under the tutelage of a BOG university president or vice president at a site other than the Fellow's home campus. At Eastern, Taneja will be under the direction of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Kindrick.

The program is designed to expand the candidate pool of minorities and women for higher level administrative positions.

"Our Fellows Program is the first of its kind in Illinois and is modeled after successful programs that have been in place at our own universities and in the California State University system," said BOG Chancellor Thomas D. Layzell.

"In developing the program, we consulted with staff at the American Council for Education, where a most successful program is operating on a national basis," Layzell added.

Taneja, who received his doctorate degree in statistics from the University of Connecticut, has 36 years experience in higher education.

At Western, he serves on the Council on Curriculum Programs and Instruction and has served on the Affirmative Action Administrative Internship Committee.

While at the University, Taneja developed new programs, including a minor in statistics for undergraduate majors and a major in statistics for bachelor of science degree candidates.

The other Fellows include Dr. Pedro L. Martinez, director of the Bilingual Education Program and associate professor at Chicago State University; Dr. Sandra Westbrook, coordinator of student teaching at Eastern; Dr. Alma Vinyard, professor in the Department of English at Governors State University; and Ulestine Watson, coordinator of the University Without Wall Center for Program Development at Northeastern Illinois University.

To be considered for eligibility, applicants must be full-time administrative, faculty or professional staff at a BOG university. Other requirements include a doctorate or generally recognized terminal degree and three years of experience at a BOG university.