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WEIDNER NAMED ACTING PROVOST

CHARLESTON -- Terry Weidner, associate provost and vice president for academic affairs at Eastern Illinois University, has been named acting provost and vice president for academic affairs following the recent retirement of Barbara Hill.

"Dr. Weidner's record of leadership in the area of academic affairs is impressive, and he has the strong support of the administration and faculty," said EIU President David Jorns.

Eastern will be reopening a national search for a provost in the fall following an unsuccessful search this spring.

Weidner has been associate provost and vice president for academic affairs since 1992 and was acting associate VP for one year before that. A professor of botany, Weidner has been on Eastern's faculty since 1964.

In his current position, Weidner has monitored all academic budgets and staffing and overseen campus remodeling, rehabilitation and capital projects, including the Buzzard Building remodeling.

He has been involved in distance learning activities, serving as Eastern's representative to the Prairie Consortium, a distance learning network of colleges

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and universities.

Weidner also chairs the university's Committee on Academic Computing and is a former chair of the Council on Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate. He has served on the self-study committee for reaccreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and been a member of the Council on Faculty Research, Council on University Planning and Budget and Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee.

He has been local chair of the Midwest Section of the American Society of Plant Physiologists and is a member of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society; the Illinois Academy of Science; and the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Before joining Eastern, Weidner taught at the National Science Foundation Biology Institute at The Ohio State University.

He received his bachelor's degree in biology from West Chester University of Pennsylvania and master's and doctorate in plant physiology from The Ohio State State University.

Weidner and his wife, Louise, have resided in Charleston for 31 years. They have three children and two grandchildren.