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EIU ADMINISTRATOR PARTICIPATES IN STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2000 SERIES

CHARLESTON, IL.--Dr. Glenn Williams, Vice President for Student Affairs at Eastern Illinois University, was among a panel of administrators from the five Board of Governors universities, who participated in the last in a series of policy discussions on the Student of the Year 2000.

The Student of the Year 2000 series began in the fall and concluded June 23 with the discussion "Student Life: Meeting the Needs for Student Success."

"It is encouraging to know that the BOG has expressed its deep interest and concern through this programming of student affairs," Williams said.

All of the discussions have focused on issues relating to the undergraduate education mission of the BOG system and have included such topics as student demographics, general education, faculty and enrollment management.

In his presentation, Williams discussed the role of student affairs and student activities programs at Eastern. He cited the recent initiation of a Greek Court at Eastern as a long range effort to enhance the potential for student interest in Greek life.

Another area of student affairs involvement Williams emphasized was recruitment and admissions. He said, "The student affairs area in particular and the University in general are in the process of identifying and implementing ways of great promise to attract black and hispanic students to the campus."

Other issues discussed by the panel were identification of all aspects of the term "student life" and differences in the role of student life for residential campuses and commuter campuses.

Additional panelists joining Brown University Dean of Students John Robinson in the discussion of student life were Dr. Johnny Hill, Vice President for Student Affairs at Chicago State University; Catherine Taylor, Dean of Student Affairs at Governors State University; Dr. Daniel Kielson, Vice President for Student Affairs at Northeastern Illinois University; and Dr. Ronald Gierhan, Vice President for Student Affairs at Western Illinois University.