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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ACTING DEAN OF GRADUATE SCHOOL NAMED

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Terry Weidner has announced the appointment of Bob Augustine, chair/professor of Eastern's Department of Communications Disorders and Sciences (CDS), as acting dean of the Graduate School, effective Sept. 16.

Weidner said, "Based on input by the Council of Deans, present and former chairs of the Council on Graduate Studies, chair of the Faculty Senate and staff from the VPAA's office, I have appointed Dr. Augustine acting dean. The administration has great confidence in Dr. Augustine's ability to lead the Graduate School during this period and believe that confidence is shared throughout the campus."

Augustine, who will serve as acting dean of the Graduate School through June 30, 1998, also will continue in his role as chair of CDS. He replaces former Graduate School Dean Thomas Gladsky who resigned last month. Mary Anne Hanner, professor of communication disorders and sciences, will share chair responsibilities with Augustine.

"Since the Offices of Grants and Research and International Studies no longer report to the graduate dean, and after speaking with a variety of campus constituencies, I am assured that Dr. Augustine can effectively manage the responsibilities of both CDS and the Graduate School," Weidner said.

Augustine has been a member of the CDS graduate faculty for 18 years, served as the department's graduate coordinator for six years and been department chair for eight years. He also is a member of the Council on Graduate Programs in Communication Disorders and Sciences and is currently serving as delegate correspondent from Illinois to the Legislative Council of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

During a recent interview, he stated that "Eastern Illinois University has a long history of providing outstanding graduate programs, and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve and support those programs."

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR (Staunton Star Times): Dr. Bob Augustine is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Augustine of Livingston.