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COMMITTEE ON BLACK CONCERNS

CHARLESTON, IL--A recent meeting of the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education Steering Committee at Eastern Illinois University has laid the groundwork for a November 18 meeting of the ICBCHE.

Director of EIU's Afro-American Studies Johnetta Jones and zoology instructor Bill Ridgeway are Eastern's representatives on the ICBCHE Steering Committee.

They met with Committee members to plan the program topics for the central region meeting at 9:30 a.m. Friday (Nov. 18) at the University of Illinois' Lewis Faculty Center, Room 407.

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The topics at the meeting will be: The declining presence of minorities in teacher education and the teaching profession: implications and consequences for the future; higher education downsizing: policies for decreased and controlled enrollment and the impact on minority enrollment; and the declining presence of the black male in higher education: reversing the trend.

The ICBCHE was founded in 1982 to establish a network of communication among minorities in higher education, to serve as an advocate for blacks in higher education and to provide conferences and programs on different policies that affect blacks in Illinois higher education. It also focuses on developing strategies for enhancing the status of blacks in higher education.

According to Jones, the committee has received funds from the Illinois Board of Higher Education, which has been used to hold career workshops and annual conferences, to establish a minority resume service and to create assorted publications, such as Opportunities Clearing House, a monthly publication listing job opportunities in Illinois.

The committee consists of legislators, board members, college administrators from junior and senior colleges, faculty and staff and institutional members, such as Eastern.