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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WILLIAMS NAMED EIU BOSS OF THE YEAR

CHARLESTON, IL--Larry Williams of Charleston has been selected Eastern Illinois University's "Boss of the Year."

Williams, dean of the Graduate School and Research at Eastern, was selected by a subcommittee of the university's Office Staff Support Group (OSSG), composed of representatives from across campus. EIU civil service employees and office staff support personnel were invited to nominate their supervisors for the award.

Williams was presented the award at the fifth annual OSSG "Bosses Day" luncheon where Stephen Falk, vice president for institutional advancement at Eastern, was the featured speaker. His talk was on "The Adages of Work and Life."

Patty Butler, chair of this year's event, touted it as the "best ever" with more than 300 tickets sold and more than 70 bosses in attendance.

In one nomination letter, Williams was described "as the perfect example of the perfect boss."

Williams said he doesn't think of himself as a boss, but rather as a manager. "I believe the office functions as a team.

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My staff is dedicated and extremely helpful."

During his 29 years at Eastern, Williams has been on the faculty as well as in administration. In addition to his administrative responsibilities in the Graduate School and Research, he is a professor of mathematics and teaches one class a semester.

Williams came to Eastern in 1964 as a math instructor and was named dean of the Graduate School and Research in 1978.

He is a member of the Illinois Association of Graduate Schools, Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools, Council of Graduate Schools of the U.S. and the Illinois Consortium for Equal Opportunity Program. He also serves on numerous university committees and chaired the recent search committee for the vice president for student affairs.

Williams was chosen for the award based on his enthusiasm in supporting Eastern and its programs; routinely showing consideration and support of others, including staff, colleagues, students and visitors; and performing actions or courtesies beyond his daily responsibilities to the benefit of the staff, the office and/or Eastern.

His wife, Connie, teaches at Immanuel Lutheran Pre-School in Charleston. They have three children: Todd, a medical doctor serving a residency in surgery at Michigan State University; Sarah, a speech pathologist in Colorado Springs; and Blake, a sophomore at Eastern majoring in pre-engineering. Todd and Sarah are both Eastern graduates.