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CHARLESTON, IL--Dr. Robert Saltmarsh, a professor of educational psychology and guidance at Eastern Illinois University, has been appointed university faculty representative for athletics, President Stanley Rives announced Wednesday (Nov. 27).

Saltmarsh's appointment is effective January 1. He replaces Dr. Jimmie Franklin, professor of history, who has served as faculty rep for the past 10 years. Franklin has accepted a position at Vanderbilt University beginning spring semester.

Besides chairing the student-faculty Intercollegiate Athletic Board, the faculty rep serves as the university's official delegate to NCAA conventions, is a liaison between the NCAA and the university and assists the university in the enforcement of NCAA regulations.

Saltmarsh, who was a football scholarship athlete at Miami (OH) University under coaches Woody Hayes and Ara Parseghian, has been a member of EIU's faculty since 1969. He earned a doctorate at Indiana University.

"I'm pleased that Dr. Saltmarsh has accepted this position," Rives said. "He looks upon this position as a challenge, and is anxious to take on this responsibility."

"Initially I hope to become better acquainted with the athletes and coaching staff," said Saltmarsh. "Obviously I'm interested in the athletic success of our men's and women's teams but, more importantly, I wish to emphasize that I intend to follow closely their academic standing."

Rives expressed his appreciation for Franklin's service. "We regret very much losing him as faculty rep but wish him well in his new position at Vanderbilt."

Franklin said the past ten years as faculty rep have been "the most delightful I've experienced. We certainly have been fortunate to have an administration that has been attuned to what we've been trying to do by making athletics a real part of the university community.

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"I believe the choice of Dr. Saltmarsh has been a good one. He's always had a serious interest in athletics, and is one of the most loyal supporters over the years. His concern coupled with his keen sensitivity and intelligence will help continue the kind of excellence which has characterized the program."