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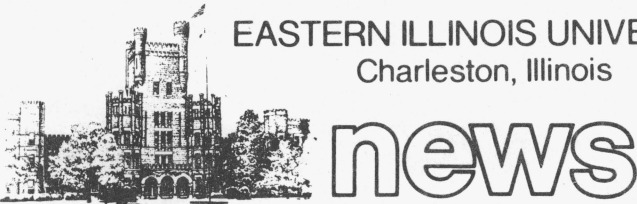
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GRADUATE STUDY CONTINUES

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's current graduate study is so comprehensive that an entire sub-committee, chaired by Shirley Stewart, director of career planning and placement, is reviewing program and student support activities.

The study of graduate education and research, which began last fall, follows an in-depth examination of undergraduate education completed in 1988.

According to Garret DeRuitter, art professor who heads Eastern's current study, "This is an attempt to focus on the unique nature of graduate education and research and formulate recommendations for improving these areas."

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The program elements being reviewed by Stewart's group include an examination of the library, computer and media services, the Radio/TV Center, recreational sports, concept of "wellness," physical facilities, and part-time/off-campus graduate students.

The student support activities study covers areas such as testing services, interns, orientation placement, and the non-traditional graduate and child care.

Members of student sub-committee are Dixon Berry, library instructor; Scott Crawford, associate professor of physical education; Patricia Fewell, director of the Instructional Materials Center and secondary education and foundations instructor; Laurent Gosselin, home economics professor; Billy Heyduck, art professor; William Hine, dean of the School of Adult and Continuing Education; Robert Saltmarsh, educational psychology and guidance professor; Gene Scholes, director of the Audio Visual Center and library professor; John Walstrom, accountancy, data processing, and finance professor; and William Weiler, botany professor.

Each has collected documentation and reviewed one or more support services. The subcommittee then heard individual presentations on each support service, reviewed documentation, and determined recommendations for each service area by group consensus.

Subcommittee members are presently reviewing a final report which will be sent to DeRuiter's steering committee in August.

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Robert Kindrick, Eastern's provost and vice president for academic affairs who requested the overall study, said, "Just as the world is constantly changing, programs should be changing. Viable problems today may be of less value in the future. The frequent review of higher education's goal of equipping young men and women to function productively in this rapidly changing world is vital."