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COLBERT NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS

CHARLESTON, IL--Charles Colbert, Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Eastern Illinois University since 1988, has been named Vice-President for Business Affairs for the University.

In his new position, which is effective August 15, Colbert, 49, will serve as Eastern's chief financial officer and will be responsible to the President of the University for all aspects of the University's business affairs area. The Vice-President provides leadership and direction for computing and telecommunication services, physical plant operations, human resources, administrative services, business office operations and fiscal matters.

He will replace Marion "Jake" Zane, who has been acting Vice-President for Business Affairs since March. After a brief transition period, Zane will resume his administrative leave prior to retirement. He has served at Eastern 33 years.

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In making the announcement, Rives said, "Charles Colbert has served the University well as Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs. He brings a wealth of administrative experience, a demonstrated commitment to teamwork, and a generous amount of common sense to his new position as Vice-President for Business Affairs at Eastern. Dr. Colbert has my complete confidence and support.

"It is appropriate to thank the VPBA search committee and its chair, Dean Barbara Hill, for timely and competent work. It is also appropriate to thank "Jake" Zane for his able service as Acting Vice-President during the past few months."

Colbert has held a variety of key positions in higher education, including seven years as assistant to the President at Emporia State University in Kansas. While at Emporia, he had responsibility for budget for all areas under the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. He also served as Administrative Assistant to the President at the University of Georgia. There, his responsibilities included budget review for the total university. In 1974-75 he was a Rockefeller Fellow, completing his internship at Indiana State University.

Speaking for the Search Committee, Dean Hill said, "Based on his educational background, general administrative experience, and personal qualities, the Committee viewed Dr. Colbert as an excellent candidate for the position."

Prior to receiving his Master's Degree from the University of Georgia in 1970, Colbert taught for six years in Georgia and served as a University Policeman at the University of Georgia. He received his PhD in Education from Georgia in 1972.

"I am proud and excited at this new challenge," Colbert said when notified of his selection. "Eastern is an outstanding University with great people. I'm looking forward to helping make it even better, by emphasizing increased teamwork and two-way communication at all levels."