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EASTERN HOSTS BGU ADMINISTRATIVE FELLOW

CHARLESTON, IL--As part of the Board of Governors Universities' Affirmative Action Administrative Fellows Program, Emily Bryson, a tenured professor at Chicago State University, is spending the next twelve months at Eastern Illinois University.

She will serve as special assistant to President Stan Rives in the Fellows program, which permits a year-long released-time assignment under the mentorship of a president or vice-president at a BGU institution other than the Fellow's home campus.

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At CSU, Professor Bryson has had experience in both academic and student affairs, serving as bibliographic instruction librarian, assistant to the director of admissions, special collections librarian, and special assistant to the library dean.

Upon her appointment as special assistant to Rives, Bryson said, "I was quite eager to come to Eastern and am very pleased to have the opportunity to work with Dr. Rives, who has an outstanding reputation as a leader in higher education.

"Through this experience, I hope to gain a broader view of the University leadership and feel my experience has prepared me well to serve in this new role."

In addition to completing special assignments and participating in meetings involving the president, vice presidents, and deans, Bryson will serve as the University's ombudsperson responsible for opening lines of communication for University staff and students to the president and meeting with individuals and groups to discuss their concerns.

Rives said, "I am looking forward to working with Ms. Bryson and have the utmost confidence in her abilities. Her breadth of knowledge as an administrator and academician will be an asset to the University, especially in her role as a facilitator in helping to resolve University-wide issues involving faculty, staff, and students."

Bryson, who has more than 20 years' experience in higher education, has been on the CSU staff since 1980. She is a member of the CSU Faculty Senate and serves on several major university committees.

She has authored library research manuals, among other things, and has a special interest in the history of Chicago and Asian art history.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Master of Library Science from Emory University in Atlanta and Master of Arts in Art History from the University of Denver.

The Fellows program is designed to give participants experience that will help them obtain top level higher education administrative positions.

It is open to full-time, continuing faculty or administrative and professional staff with a doctorate or generally recognized terminal degree and three years of experience at a Board of Governors university. Minorities and women are given preference in the selection process.