# III. ACTION ITEMS

# A. Approval of Minutes

June 22, 2009 Finance/Audit Committee Meeting

June 22, 2009 Board Meeting

July 24 & 25, 2009 Board Retreat

#### B. Executive Session Minutes - Open Meetings Act

Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act requires that the Board of Trustees review the minutes of all executive sessions at least semi-annually to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes. Minutes of executive sessions, or portions thereof, which no longer require confidential treatment must be made available for public inspection.

In order to comply with this provision, Board Counsel is reviewing executive session minutes and will provide the Board recommendations as to whether or not all or part of those minutes should remain confidential.

## C. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$250,000 or More

1) Purchase Item: Shelving

**Description/Explanation:** Purchase of shelving required for stocking textbook

inventory in the new Textbook Rental Facility.

**Cost:** \$340,000 (includes contingency)

**Recommended Vendor:** Bradford Systems Corporation

Bensenville, IL

**Summary of Bids:** Bidding not required. Purchased under a Central

Management Services contract.

**Fund Source:** Local Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.

#### C. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$250,000 or More (Cont.)

2) **Purchase Item:** Self-Checkout and Automated Material Handling Systems

Description/Explanation: A Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Self-Checkout

System and Automated Material Handling System for the

new Textbook Rental Facility.

Cost: Not to exceed \$825,000. Note: At the March, 2009 Board

meeting, the Trustees approved this purchase at an amount not to exceed \$750,000. As we finished the layout of the facility, we realized we had not included, in the original approval request, all of the features that had been planned for the building (i.e., additional conveyor length and smart carts for the automated book return). In addition, we should have included, for your approval, the software license and equipment maintenance costs (approximately

\$56,000) as part of the total cost.

**Recommended Vendor:** TechLogic, White Bear Lake, MN

**Summary of Bids:** TechLogic, White Bear Lake, MN

3M, St. Paul, MN

AT&T, Hoffman Estates, IL

Reltronics, Rochester, NY

**Fund Source:** Local Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.

# D. Personnel Contracts

This item will be presented by addendum at the meeting.

E.	Statement on Board Responsibilities for Intercollegiate Athletics
	By conference policy, the governing board of each member institution shall annually review and complete the Ohio Valley Conference Governing Board Certification Form (OVC Constitution 3.2.1).
	A copy of this certification form is presented on the next page for your review.

<u>It is recommended that the Board of Trustees review and complete the Ohio Valley Conference Governing Board Certification Form.</u>

#### E. Statement on Board Responsibilities for Intercollegiate Athletics (Cont.)



# **Ohio Valley Conference**

# Governing Board Certification Form Academic Year 2009-10

As Chairman of the Governing Board at Eastern Illinois University, I attest that:

- 1) Responsibility for the administration of the athletics program has been delegated to the Chief Executive Officer of the institution.
- 2) The Chief Executive Officer has the mandate and support of the board to operate a program of integrity in full compliance with NCAA, OVC, and all other relevant rules and regulations.
- The Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Director of Athletics and Faculty Athletics Representative, and Board of Trustees determines how the institutional vote shall be cast on issues of athletics policy presented to the NCAA and the Ohio Valley Conference.

Date Presente	d to the Governing Board: _	<u>September 4, 2009</u>	
Signed:			
υ =====	(William O'Rourke, Chair	rman of the Governing I	Board)

Please return completed form to:

Brad Walker
Interim Commissioner
Ohio Valley Conference
215 Centerview Dr., Suite 115
Brentwood, TN 37027

## F. Approval of Depositories for Non-Appropriated Funds

In accordance with Board of Trustees *Regulations*, Section V.G.1, approval is requested for the following financial institutions as depositories of local funds:

#### **Peace Meal Program Depositories:**

#### **New Requests**

Busey Bank 128 East Holden PO Box F Tolono, IL 61880

## **Acquisitions/Mergers/Name Changes**

CIB Marine Bank (Formerly Central Illinois Bank) Sidney, IL

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve these financial institutions as depositories for non-appropriated funds.

#### G. Election of Representatives to External Boards

Section V.E. of the Board Bylaws reads as follows:

Representatives of the Board to serve on other boards, commissions, and similar bodies shall be designated as required by statute. In the absence of statutory requirements, they shall be elected by a majority of a quorum of the Board at the annual meeting or at such other meeting as may be appropriate. In the absence of statutory requirements, vacancies in such positions shall be filled by nomination by the Chairperson and election by a majority of a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

The Board will elect a representative to serve on the following external board:

#### 1. The Higher Education Travel Control Board

#### H. Guidelines for Naming Opportunities Connected with Donations of Substantial Funds

Consistent with Board of Trustees Regulations, University property may be named for notable former employees of the University, distinguished former members of the Board, donors of substantial funds, or public persons of the State and Nation or any country. Naming opportunities associated with the donation of substantial funds and the terms and conditions associated with such naming, shall be subject to final approval by the Board of Trustees as specified in *Board of Trustees Regulations*, *Section VI.C.* The following document (pages 11-13) defines funding minimums to be considered when a naming opportunity is discussed.

<u>It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the adoption of the Guidelines for Naming Opportunities Connected with Donations of Substantial Funds.</u>

### H. Guidelines for Naming Opportunities Connected with Donations of Substantial Funds (Cont.)

#### **EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

#### **Guidelines for Naming Opportunities Connected with Donations of Substantial Funds**

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opportunities. In general a building should be named as directed by a donor only if a minimum of 50% of the privately secured funds but not less than \$1 million is contributed by or

at the direction of the donor.

# **Building Additions and**

Renovations

Not less than 50% of project costs.

#### **Portions of Buildings** Individual rooms or wings in new or existing buildings such as

auditoriums, lecture halls and lobbies, need to be considered on a case-by-case basis. Consideration will be given to such

matters as type of usage, visibility and traffic flow.

## **Unnamed Existing**

**Buildings** 

Currently unnamed buildings may be named by

the establishment of an endowment equivalent to 12.5% of the

fair market value of the building

## **Relocation or Replacement**

The name on an existing facility will remain for the life of the building. The name on a facility to be demolished will not be transferred to a new facility except in such cases when a useful

facility is relocated to serve the greater interest of the University. Every effort will be made to preserve naming, while the University has the right to cease it under unique

circumstances.

## H. Guidelines for Naming Opportunities Connected with Donations of Substantial Funds (Cont.)

**Distinguished Professorship or** A distinguished professorship or dean's chair will

Dean's Chair

enable the university to honor or to recruit an outstanding scholar who has demonstrated the potential of making exceptional contributions to his/her discipline. Income from the endowment will provide support toward salary, professional development, related research and program expenses.

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$2.0 Million

**Named Chair** 

Provides income toward an outstanding faculty member's salary and related expenses, including research and professional conferences.

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$1.0 Million

**Named Professorship** 

Provides support for an outstanding faculty member and related expenses.

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$500,000

**Named Visiting Professorship** 

Provides income to apply toward expenses for a visiting professor. These professorships will allow the university to benefit from talent which would otherwise be unavailable to Eastern Illinois University.

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$250,000

Named Young Faculty Award Provides income to apply toward the annual salary and teaching/research expenses of an outstanding young faculty scholar. These funds will enable Eastern Illinois University to attract and retain the most promising young professors.

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$250,000

**Named Fellowships** 

Provides income to fund fellowships for graduate students. Selection criteria will depend upon the donor's preference and shall follow guidelines established by the Eastern Illinois University Foundation.

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$250,000

**Named Endowed Lectureship** 

Provides income for distinguished lecturers to be brought to campus. Selection criteria will depend upon the donor's preference and shall follow guidelines established by the

Eastern Illinois University Foundation Minimum Endowment Gift: \$100,000

# H. Guidelines for Naming Opportunities Connected with Donations of Substantial Funds (Cont.)

Named Research Fund Provides an annual award to be used for research in the area

chosen by the donor and Eastern Illinois University. Selection criteria will depend upon the donor's preference and shall follow guidelines established by the Eastern Illinois University

Foundation

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$100,000

Named Faculty Development Fund

Provides an annual award to enhance a faculty member's teaching and research activities.

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$100,000

**Graduate Scholarships** Provides financial support for graduate students. Selection

criteria will depend upon the donor's preference and shall follow guidelines established by the Eastern Illinois University

Foundation

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$100,000

Named Endowed Scholar Award Income funds full scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. Selection criteria will depend upon the donor's preference and shall follow guidelines established by the

Eastern Illinois University Foundation

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$150,000

Named Endowed Scholarship Income from this fund will provide financial aid to

undergraduate students. Selection criteria will depend upon the donor's preference and shall follow guidelines established by

the Eastern Illinois University Foundation.
Minimum Endowment Gift: \$10,000

**Named Student Award Fund** 

This fund provides an annual award to a student in an area selected by the donor. Selection criteria will depend upon the donor's preference and shall follow guidelines established by the Eastern Illinois University Foundation.

Minimum Endowment Gift: \$10,000 or

Minimum Annual Gift: \$2,500 for a four-year period

The following guidelines (pages 15-24) are set forth: (a) to define the working rules for the acceptance of gifts and pledges to Eastern Illinois University Foundation; (b) to inform donors and prospective donors of these policies; and (c) to protect the Eastern Illinois University and its staff and volunteers from inappropriate or undesirable gifts and pledges. These guidelines were reviewed and adopted by the EIU Foundation at its June, 2009 meeting and are consistent with their gift acceptance policies.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the adoption of the Gift Acceptance, Donor Crediting, and Gift Income Reporting Guidelines.

#### **EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

### Gift Acceptance, Donor Crediting and Gift Income Reporting Guidelines

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#### I. General Policies, Guidelines and Definitions

- A. The following definitions are used in this document: **Counting** is the numeric summary of activity, results and progress towards goal. **Reporting** is the process of conveying to a lay audience clearly and transparently what has happened during a specific timeframe. **Booking or accounting** is a process of keeping financial books based on a set of generally accepted guidelines and principles. **Crediting** is institution-specific and represents the way each organization grants recognition to its donors.
- B. All gift and pledge commitments, regardless of size, designation, or gift type will be respectfully considered and gratefully accepted except in the very rare instance where a gift may be contrary to Eastern Illinois University Foundation's best interests. Eastern Illinois University Foundation accepts both restricted and unrestricted gifts providing that donor restrictions do not significantly diminish the value of the gift. EIU will provide all possible staff and volunteer assistance to potential donors to discuss the organization's funding priorities, the donor's interests, and the various ways to give. However, gifts of cash or negotiable securities are the forms of donor commitment that will have the greatest impact on Eastern Illinois University and its plans for the immediate future.
- C. Gifts to Eastern Illinois University should be made in the name of the EIU Foundation and will be received, held and administered under the direction of the Board of Directors. All gifts to Eastern Illinois University should be directed to the Philanthropy Office where they will be accepted, acknowledged and administered in accordance with these policies.

- D. No solicitations of current outright gifts or future planned gifts for the benefit of Eastern Illinois University shall be made by anyone without the knowledge and approval of the Vice President of University Advancement or his/her designated representatives.
- E. Pledges or outright gifts should be made in writing and should commit to a specific dollar amount that will be paid according to a fixed time schedule. The recommended maximum pledge period is five years. Individuals making gifts and pledges that are eligible for matching gifts are encouraged to utilize these programs to maximize the value of their gift or pledge to EIU. However, a matching gift cannot be used to fulfill a pledge commitment as the donor has no control over whether that match will be made nor can they legally obligate the company or entity to honor that pledge.
- F. It is required by law that donors will be notified by the Eastern Illinois University Foundation if they receive any benefits in exchange for their gift that are more than IRS threshold (2% of gift total or \$89, whichever is less.)
- G. During any major gift initiative or campaign period, prospective donors may be asked to make an unrestricted annual gift commitment and a major gift commitment to Eastern Illinois University. In some cases, the prospective donor(s) may also be asked to consider a deferred or planned gift to EIU.
- H. The Foundation Executive Officer shall have the authority to sign planned giving agreements on behalf of the Eastern Illinois University Foundation. Any gift agreement shall require the approval of the EIU Foundation Board of Directors.
- I. Eastern Illinois University Foundation reserves the right to accept (or, in cases where absolutely necessary, to decline) any commitment that is offered to them. It also reserves the right to determine how any commitment will be credited and/or how such commitments will be recognized.
- J. The Eastern Illinois University Foundation will acknowledge and recognize all gifts appropriately according to its gift acknowledgement and recognition procedures. Requests by donors for anonymity will be honored. A donor whose gift is matched by their company will be recognized for the total amount of their individual gift plus the matching portion on their gift record. They will receive the name recognition associated with the appropriate giving society for that total amount; however they will receive benefits accruing only to the value of their personal gift. Eastern Illinois University Foundation will credit an individual donor for the matching gift associated with their personal gift at the time the matching gift form is signed by both the donor and an authorized officer of EIU Foundation and is submitted to the matching gift corporation. At this time the matching gift corporation will also be credited with the matching gift so that it can be recognized appropriately.

- K. Matching gifts will be recorded as gift income when the matching gift check is received. Matching gifts will only be recorded as pledges if and when an intent-to-pay acknowledgement letter is received from the corporation prior to receiving a matching gift check. Gift income reports for each group of constituents (e.g. Alumni, Faculty, Board) will include personal gifts only. The associated matching gifts will be reported separately in the matching gift category.
- L. Eastern Illinois University Foundation will use the accepted IRS formula (and accounting rules) if it wants to determine present value of future gifts.
- M. All financial statements prepared by the Eastern Illinois University Foundation will be in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

#### II. The Donor Bill of Rights

In accordance with the standards established by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Eastern Illinois University adheres to the following Donor Bill of Rights which notes that a donor has the right to:

- A. To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- B. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- C. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
- D. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- E. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
- F. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- G. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
- H. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
- I. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from Eastern Illinois University mailing lists.

J. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

#### III. Gift Reporting

All gifts and pledges that fall under the basic principles listed above will be reported to all internal and external constituencies of Eastern Illinois University on an on-going basis according to the gift acceptance guidelines herein. If Eastern Illinois University conducts a capital campaign, gift reports should be made to the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Council for Aid to Education (CAE). All reports should be based on the following:

- A. The total of <u>outright gifts and written pledges</u> received will be reported at face value. A signed pledge card or letter of intent must be filed with the Office of Philanthropy before a pledge commitment is reflected on reports except as noted below in item B.
- B. Verbal pledges made by telephone as part of the annual fund will be allowed. No other verbal pledge commitments will be included in reported totals.
- C. The total of deferred (future) <u>irrevocable</u> commitments counted at face value, which will be received at an undetermined time in the future, will be tracked separately.
- D. Revocable future gifts will also be tracked internally either at the face value disclosed by the donor or, if no value is indicated, at a minimum value assigned by the institution. Revocable gifts will not be booked as gift income. Donors of revocable future gifts will be recognized separately from donors of current gifts and irrevocable gifts.
- E. The value of any canceled or unfulfilled pledges must be subtracted from totals when it is determined they will not be realized.
- F. Gifts shall be valued on the date the donor(s) relinquished control of the assets in favor of Eastern Illinois University Foundation (see below).

## IV. Policies Pertaining to Certain Types of Commitments

In cases where gifts are made with assets other than cash, the decision on when to liquidate, report, credit and recognize these assets will be made on a case-by-case basis. The following guidelines will be observed:

- A. Gifts of publicly-traded securities will be reported, credited and recognized at the average of the high and low market value on either: 1) the day of personal delivery of signed certificate and/or stock power; 2) the date the certificate and stock power is mailed; or 3) the day the electronic transfer is received by Eastern Illinois University Foundation. Such securities will be conveyed to Eastern Illinois University Foundation for immediate sale or according to the wishes of the donor.
- B. Gifts of closely-held stock will be reported, credited and recognized at the pershare cash purchase price of the most recent transaction or current valuation information from the company if there is a buy-back transaction with the company. If no buy-back is consummated, a gift of closely-held stock may be credited at the value determined by a qualified independent appraiser. Otherwise the gift receipt will be for XX shares with no value attached. Typically, shares of closely held stock will be liquidated as soon as possible.
- C. Outright gifts of real estate and/or bargain sales (real estate sold at a discounted price) will be reported, credited, and recognized at fair market value at the time it is transferred to Eastern Illinois University Foundation, less any encumbrances. A qualified independent appraiser employed by the donor shall determine the fair market value of the property.
  - Outright gifts of hard-to-value assets, such as mineral rights or limited partnerships, will be credited at \$1 and additional credit will be given as the proceeds are received.
- D. Outright gifts of tangible personal property/gifts in kind for which donors qualify for a charitable gift deduction under current IRS rules will be reported, credited, and recognized at the appraised value of the property at the time it is transferred to Eastern Illinois University Foundation, less any encumbrances, so long as the property has been held by the donor for more than one year and has a use related to the exempt purposes of the nonprofit. Gifts of property that have been held for less than one year and have a use that is unrelated to the exempt purpose of the institution will be reported, credited and recognized at the level of their cost basis only.

The following are general guidelines or considerations in connection with gifts of tangible personal property:

- 1. Generally, Eastern Illinois University and EIU Foundation's acceptance of such gifts cannot involve significant additional expense for their present or future use, display, maintenance, or administration.
- 2. Generally, no burdensome financial or other obligations can be incurred, directly or indirectly, by Eastern Illinois University or EIU Foundation as a result of its acceptance of such gifts.

- 3. Gifts of personal property (jewelry, paintings, antiques, rare books, etc.) exceeding \$5,000 in value shall be reported at the fair market value placed on them by an independent, expert appraiser employed by the donor at the time the donor relinquished control in favor of Eastern Illinois University or EIU Foundation. Gifts of under \$5,000 may be reported at the value declared in writing by the donor. If the donated property is sold or otherwise disposed of within three years upon receipt from the donor, the nonprofit must file a form 8282 with the IRS.
- 4. Eastern Illinois University or EIU Foundation should not accept gifts of tangible personal property (such as books, paintings, etc.) if such gifts are to be made on the condition, understanding, or expectation that the gifted items will be loaned to the donor or to persons designated by the donor for life or for an extended period of time as determined by the donor.
- 5. It is the responsibility of the company making an in kind gift to provide the documentation to determine its fair market value.
- E. *Charitable Lead Trusts* will be counted, reported and credited at the face value of all annuity payments to be received during the campaign period.
- F. Bequest intentions and other revocable deferred gifts will not be reported as income but will be tracked internally as "future" expectancies of Eastern Illinois University Foundation at the value established in writing by the donor through a bequest intention form, a deferred pledge agreement, a contract to make a will, a letter, or a copy of appropriate sections of the will, etc. Donors of revocable future gifts will be recognized separately from donors of current gifts and irrevocable gifts.
  - 1. Such revocable gift commitments will be reported, credited and recognized, subject to the donor's specific request and intent, only when the funds are <u>irrevocably</u> committed to the Eastern Illinois University Foundation or when the gift matures. Bequests will be reported, credited, and recognized at the value established at the time of probate and/or at the fair market value on the date of the transfer of the asset(s). If any portion of the total amount was previously tracked internally as a "future" expectancy, this amount shall be subtracted from the total value of these expectancies.
  - 2. Bequest intentions for which the donor <u>does not</u> indicate a specific gift value and/or does not provide an estimate of a residuary bequest will be tracked internally as future expectancies at a minimum value level of \$10,001 which will clearly identify it as a bequest.

G. Gifts of *whole life insurance* to the Eastern Illinois University Foundation will be made by either designating EIU Foundation as the beneficiary of the policy or as both owner and beneficiary. When the gift is irrevocable because Eastern Illinois University Foundation is the owner and beneficiary and the policy is paid up, the donor shall receive gift credit for the cash surrender value or replacement value. Because the unrealized death benefit is a "future" expectancy, when Eastern Illinois University Foundation is both the owner and the beneficiary, the donor will be credited and recognized at the death benefit level of the policy.

Where the gift is revocable because the donor still owns the policy or the policy is not paid up, premium payments made directly to the insurance company will be credited and recognized if the donor sends evidence to Eastern Illinois University Foundation of the payment via a cancelled check. The gift will be tracked internally like revocable bequests. No gift income will be reported unless the Foundation owns the policy and it is paid in full and therefore becomes irrevocable.

Gifts of *term life insurance* will be tracked internally like revocable bequests, however no gift income will be reported, credited or recognized unless the policy matures during the term period.

- H. All gifts that will, or may, require significant expenditure of funds either at the time of the gift or at some future date (e.g., non-performing assets gifted to fund a charitable trust or charitable gift annuity, bargain sales, or outright gifts such as real estate that may impose present obligations on the Eastern Illinois University Foundation shall require the approval of the Board of Directors.
- I. Irrevocable charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts and pooled income funds (whether administered by the Eastern Illinois University Foundation or by others on behalf of Eastern Illinois University) will be reported, credited, and recognized as follows:
  - 1. In the case of charitable remainder unitrusts and annuity trusts, charitable gift annuities or pooled income funds, at their face value, or
  - 2. In the case of charitable lead trusts, at the total anticipated payout over the pledge payment period.

Future gifts that specify Eastern Illinois University or the Eastern Illinois University Foundation as a contingent beneficiary shall not be counted.

#### V. Administrative Procedures Relating to Certain Planned Gifts

#### A. For Life Income Agreements

- 1. Proposed *charitable remainder trusts* should be funded initially with assets of at least \$100,000. Trusts may be established for lesser amounts if it can be determined that the charitable remainder portion of the gift is sufficient to handle the administrative costs and provide a substantial future gift to Eastern Illinois University.
- 2. Trusts should be limited to one or two income beneficiaries and to beneficiaries over 40 years of age (unless some generous outright gift is combined with the trust, in which case trusts can include younger beneficiaries).
- 3. The interest rate used in preparing life income agreements will be as follows:
  - a. For charitable gift annuities, no higher than the rate established by the American Council of Gift Annuities.
  - b. For unitrusts and annuity trusts, the law mandates a rate of at least five percent (5%). Higher rates may be approved by the Eastern Illinois University Foundation, based on: (1) the ages of the donor and any beneficiaries; and (2) income needs vs. tax relief.
- 4. Funds received for annuities and trust agreements may be administered by the Eastern Illinois University Foundation. Separate accounting is provided to the donor on each life income agreement. Annuity or trust payments shall be made at the donor's choice: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. In order to control the cost of trust and annuity administration, Eastern Illinois University Foundation prefers to make payments quarterly.

#### B. For Retained Life Estates

The gift of a primary residence, a vacation home, or a farm with retained life interest on the part of the donor shall be arranged without a trust agreement. The donor deeds the property to Eastern Illinois University Foundation immediately. Calculation of the remainder interest which is allowed for federal income tax deduction credit is based on an IRS formula. The gift is booked at the appraised value, minus any encumbrances, at the time of the gift agreement.

#### **Policies Pertaining to Named Endowment Funds**

All policies related to named funds will follow the naming policies of Eastern Illinois University and the EIU Foundation.

- A. For the purposes of this policy statement, "endowment fund" shall refer to any fund, or any part thereof, not wholly expendable by Eastern Illinois University on a current basis under the terms of the applicable gift instrument with the Eastern Illinois University Foundation.
- B. Endowment funds are invested according to the investment policies established by the Board of Directors of the Eastern Illinois University Foundation.
- C. Endowment gifts may be used to establish a special endowment fund or may be added to an existing endowment fund.
- D. When establishing an endowed fund, a formal Endowment Agreement should be used to specify the name of the donor(s) and the amount of the gift, the name of the fund and the donor's purpose for use of the earnings. This Agreement is dated and executed with the signature of the Foundation Executive Officer of the Eastern Illinois University Foundation upon approval by the Board of Directors and the donor(s).
- E. In designating an endowment gift for a specific purpose, the donor is encouraged:
  (a) to describe that purpose as broadly as possible; (b) to avoid detailed limitations and restrictions.
- F. Gifts to establish a named endowment fund for specific purposes must meet the minimum dollar requirement of \$10,000 as established by the Eastern Illinois University Foundation. The principal amount of the original gift need not meet the minimum dollar requirement if the donor agrees to fully fund the endowment at the minimum dollar requirement within a specified and reasonable period of time.
- G. The minimum dollar requirements established for a named endowment fund shall not apply to any named endowment fund(s) already established at the time these policies are adopted.
- H. The Eastern Illinois University Foundation reserves the right to review the minimum amounts required for named endowments periodically and to amend the minimum amount required so as to ensure that endowment proceeds are sufficient to fund the intended purpose(s) of the endowment. If, and when, the Eastern Illinois University Foundation acts to increase the minimum amount required to establish a particular named endowment fund, such action shall not be retroactive to funds already established and named.

#### VII. Exclusions

The following types of funds will be accepted but will not be reported or credited as gift revenue by Eastern Illinois University Foundation:

- A. Contract revenue, including sponsored research funds
- B. Advertising revenue
- C. Contributed services <u>unless</u> the services received: a) create or enhance non-financial assets or; b) require specialized skills, and are provided by individuals possessing those skills that would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation.
- D. Contributions and/or revenue from cities and regional governments, even though those entities may be incorporated; government funds whether local, state, or federal (including state matching grants)
- E. Earned income such as ticket income and event fees
- F. Gifts or pledges, outright and deferred, that have previously been counted
- G. Sale of merchandise
- H. Tuition payments
- I. Investment earnings

#### VIII. Donor Responsibilities

The tax deductibility of gifts is the responsibility of the donor. The Eastern Illinois University Foundation recommends that all donors consult with their legal tax counsel when planning all gifts especially non-cash gifts or future planned gifts. These policies are meant to conform to all IRS and general accounting standards and can be amended if the laws change.

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#### J. Proposal to Offer Three Existing Degree Programs On-Line

By Fall 2010, Eastern will be in a position to offer the B.A. in General Studies, the B.S. in Career and Organizational Studies, and the B.S. in Nursing online. These programs serve working adults who require nontraditional means to complete degrees:

- The B.A. in General Studies program, established in 1972, serves over 2000 students interested in completing a degree that will make them eligible for promotions and pay increases and/or prepare them for other jobs.
- The B.S. in Career and Organizational Studies<sup>1</sup> has been serving adults interested in securing supervisory roles in corporate and non-profit settings since 1975; its current enrollment is 105.
- The B.S. in Nursing, which currently serves 17 students, was approved in 2006 to help increase the number of nurses in the East-Central Illinois region who hold baccalaureate degrees. In recognition of this shortage, Eastern's nursing program was awarded a grant of more than \$600,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to develop interactive online courses.

Students admitted to these programs already have completed associate degrees or an equivalent number of credit hours and have significant work experience for which they also may earn credit. They thus may require as few as twenty credit hours from EIU to earn their degree, which significantly limits the number of courses we must provide them online. In time, we may develop additional programs for online delivery, but it is our intention to restrict participation to those that serve off-campus students for whom traditional face-to-face course delivery is not an option.

This change will allow Eastern to provide high quality degree completion opportunities to working adults and other place-bound students, including those residing in regions that are underserved by higher education. It thus will enhance our ability to recruit and retain students whose personal and financial commitments make it difficult for them to complete degrees on campus. In the process, it supports Eastern's mission to provide *accessible* undergraduate and graduate education, as well as the state of Illinois' Public Agenda mandate to increase baccalaureate completion rates. Approval to offer Internet-based degree programs also will enhance the University's ability to remain competitive in an era when institutional boundaries are being blurred by distance learning technologies, such that both out-of-state and in-state institutions are being allowed to offer online programs in Eastern's service region.

The courses required for Eastern's technology-delivered programs will be accessible via the Internet. The majority use WebCT to provide course content, syllabi, assignments, discussion boards, email, quizzes, and exams. Many of these courses use Elluminate and Echo 360 so that off-campus students may participate in on-campus courses, and so that all students subsequently may review the recorded lectures and demonstrations. In accordance with policies established by Eastern's academic councils, all technology-delivered courses

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In Fall 2010, the name of the B.S. in Career and Organizational Studies program will change to the B.S. in Organizational and Professional Development.

#### J. Proposal to Offer Three Existing Degree Programs On-Line (Cont.)

have mechanisms in place to ensure the integrity of student work (e.g., password-protected, time-limited, randomized online exams; periodic use of webcams to authenticate test-takers; and so on).

Because the technology and support required to deliver the identified programs online already has been provided by CATS, the School of Continuing Education, ITS, and a federal grant, no additional resources are required to implement this request for change.

Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Trustees consider and approve this proposal to offer three existing degree programs on-line pending approval of our authority to do so by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the proposal to offer three existing degree programs on-line.

#### K. Revision to Board Regulations

A proposed modification to the Board of Trustees Refund Policy *Regulation* [§V.J.7.a.(3) and §V.J.7.(f)] is being presented for consideration. Currently, Eastern Illinois University is prohibited from refunding the student insurance fee when students withdraw after the tenth day of classes. The proposed modification would permit EIU to refund the student insurance fee to students withdrawing after the tenth day as long as no medical claim has been submitted. The old regulation was written when our student insurance fee was a premium payment to an outside insurer. Now we are self-insured. Therefore, if no claim has been submitted we can easily refund the fee (currently \$109.95 each long semester) without any penalty to the university.

The modification of the Board of Trustees Refund Policy would be extremely beneficial to our students.

Please see *Regulation* wording on pages 28 and 29:

#### K. Revision to Board Regulations (Cont.)



Regulations

SECTION: V. Administrative Affairs

Subsection: J.7.a(3) and J.7.(f)

#### 7. Refunds

Board approval shall be required for any refund of tuition and mandatory fees other than in accordance with the following provisions. The term "refund" is defined as the cancellation of an unpaid obligation as well as an actual refund of an amount previously paid.

a. (1) Any student canceling registration prior to the beginning of late registration, in accordance with established University procedures, shall be eligible for a 100% refund of any funds advanced to that date. Cancellation of registration must occur by 4:30 p.m. the last working day prior to the beginning date of late registration.

Issued: April 16, 2001

- (2) Any student who has registered and officially withdraws from the University in accordance with established University procedures on or before the tenth day of regularly scheduled classes shall receive a refund of all tuition and mandatory fees. The insurance fee will not be refunded if institutional policy is to maintain coverage for students who withdraw.
- (3) After the first ten regularly scheduled class days, but before or on the twenty-first regularly scheduled class day, any student who completely withdraws from the University shall be eligible for a refund equal to one half of all tuition and mandatory fees except the insurance fee.
- (4) The University designates pro rata refund periods for summer and other sessions that are scheduled in formats that differ from the established fall and spring semesters.
- b. All refunds for students receiving Title IV Financial Aid Programs are subject to applicable rules and regulations governing those programs.
- c. Any student withdrawing from the University in accordance with established rules and whose tuition and/or mandatory fees were paid by a scholarship shall have the eligible refund paid back to said scholarship.
- d. A student may receive a refund of mandatory tuition and fees, if declared ineligible by the University for enrolled status.

#### K. Revision to Board Regulations (Cont.)

- e. A student who changes from full-time to part-time status on or before the tenth day of regularly scheduled classes shall receive a refund of all mandatory tuition and fees not applicable to part-time status. A student receiving a refund of mandatory fees may not be eligible for activities and benefits covered by such fees
- f. A student may receive a refund of the insurance fee, if within the first ten days of the Fall or Spring terms (first 5 days of Summer term), the student applies for said refund and demonstrates equal or better insurance coverage. A student may also receive a refund in accordance with established university policy.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the above revisions to Board Regulation [§V.J.7.a.(3) and §V.J.7.(f)].

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## IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

## A. President's Report

- Presentations:
  - 1. Update on Capital Projects
  - 2. Annual Report on Title IX Compliance Ms. Cynthia Nichols, Director of the Office of Civil Rights & Diversity
  - 3. Faculty Achievements
  - 4. Intercollegiate Athletics Ms. Barbara Burke, Athletic Director

B. Report from Board Chair

## C. Committee Reports

#### **Executive/Planning Committee**

Mr. Bill O'Rourke, Chair

Mr. Roger Kratochvil

Mr. Leo Welch

Dr. Robert Webb

#### **Board Relations Committee**

Ms. Julie Nimmons, Chair

Mr. Don Yost

#### **Finance/Audit Committee**

Dr. Robert Webb, Chair

Mr. Don Yost

#### **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Mr. Leo Welch, Chair

Ms. Julie Nimmons

Mr. Eric Wilber

## **Board Regulations**

Mr. Leo Welch

# **D. Reports from Constituencies**

Faculty Senate – No Report

Staff Senate – No Report

Student Government – Ms. Michelle Murphy

## E. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999

<u>Vendor</u>	Type of Purchase	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Azorus, Inc.	3-years of client relationship mgmt. to be used by Admissions Office in recruiting efforts.	3	\$189,950
Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen	Outside legal services	a	175,000 (not to exceed)
Honeywell, Inc.	Annual payment for measurement, monitoring and verification of energy savings project performance	ь е.	108,568
Telesource Corporation	Cisco SMARTnet maintenance for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.	3	141,647
Conference Technologies, Inc.	Forty-three (43) NEC LCD projectors for use in classrooms.	13	132,706
TRC Worldwide Engineering, Inc.	Design services for the installation of sprinklers & upgraded fire alarm systems in Taylor & Thomas Halls and their food svs. areas.		135,000
Dell Marketing, L.P.	Dell hardware with pre-installed SafeConnect software.	d	141,120
IT Travel	Two (2) charter flights for Men's Football.	e	116,457

a. Renewal of an existing contract

The original agreement was for a 10-year period and was approved by the Board April 14, 2003.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c.</sup> Vendor selection made in accordance with the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) Act.

d. 76 vendors downloaded the RFP. Dell Marketing provided the only response.

e. IT Travel is an IPHEC vendor. Bidding is not required.

#### F. FY 2009 Deposit & Investment Report

## Eastern Illinois University Deposit and Investment Report For the Quarter Ending June 30, 2009

#### **Operating Funds Investment Performance:**

Average Daily Cash Balance	\$ (1,808,832.83)
Average Daily Invested Balance	<u>54,591,180.20</u>
Net Average Daily Balance	\$ <u>52,782,347.37</u>

Total Interest Earned on Investments \$\(\frac{39,001.15}{}\)

Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested 102.64%

Annualized Average Yield <u>0.29</u>%

Benchmark – 90 Day Treasury Bill 0.17%

#### **Summary of Investments:**

	Cost	Market Value
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Prime Fund MMKT	41,450,002.24	41,450,002.24
Total Investments	\$41,700,002.24	\$41,700,002.24

EIU investment is primarily in the Illinois Funds. The Illinois Funds consist primarily of repurchase agreements, commercial paper and money market funds. EIU investments may also include U.S. Treasury Notes, government agencies (e.g., Federal Home Loan Bank, FNMA, etc.), money market funds, depository accounts and commercial paper. Earnings rates for the quarter ranged from .18% to 3.65%.

#### **Endowment Funds Investment Performance:**

Portfolio Market Value April 1, 2009	\$390,417.00
Interest and Dividends Income Reinvested	2,651.22
Change in Value of Investments	48,719.51
Portfolio Market Value June 30, 2009	\$ <u>441,787.73</u>

Total Return on Investments for the Quarter 13.10%

#### **Endowment Funds Asset Allocation (as of June 30, 2009):**

#### **Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:**

C	Market Value
Equity Funds:	
Vanguard 500 Index	\$ 49,066.56
Morgan Stanley Institutional	28,328.84
Vanguard Dividend Appreciation	25,820.36
Vanguard Developed Index	51,205.50
Vanguard Emerging Markets	20,066.73
Vanguard Growth	<u>25,057.81</u>

Total Equity Funds \$199,545.80

Bond Funds:

## F. FY 2009 Deposit & Investment Report (Cont.)

# **Endowment Funds Asset Allocation (as of June 30, 2009) – Continued:**

## Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account – (Continued):

Vanguard Total Bond Market Index	\$ 59,743.43
Vanguard Inflation Protected Securities	53,854.43
Templeton Global Bond	28,963.02
Pimco All Asset	<u>43,894.65</u>

Total Bond Funds 186,455.53

Other Funds:

Ishares EAFE Index\$ 20,797.74Ishares S&P North Am.20,782.50DJ Wilshire REIT Index11,610.74

Total Other Funds 53,190.98

Cash Funds:

Schwab Money Market Fund \$ <u>2,595.42</u> <u>2,595.42</u>

Total Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account \$\frac{441,787.73}{2}

## F. FY 2009 Deposit & Investment Report (Cont.)

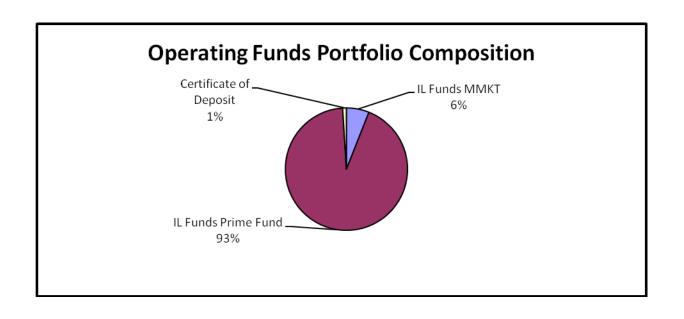
## Eastern Illinois University Deposit and Investment Report For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

#### Operating Funds Account Balances as of June 30, 2009

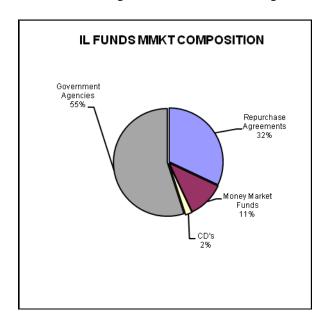
Benchmark – 90 Day Treasury Bill

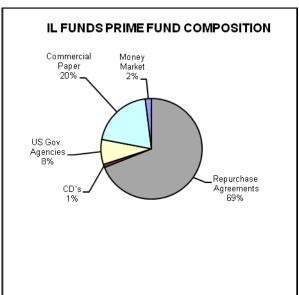
Investments at Market Value:	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 250,000.00
The Illinois Funds Prime Fund	\$ 41,450,002.24
First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust	\$ 43,114.92
The Illinois Funds Money Market Account	\$ 2,879,071.81
US Bank Trust Accounts for Debt Service	\$ 129.75
Operating Funds Investment Performance:	¢(2.724.540.90\
Average Daily Book Balance Cash	\$(3,724,549.89)
Average Daily Invested Balance Net Average Daily Balance	49,554,289.55 \$45,829,739.66
Net Average Daily Balance	\$ <u>45,829,739.00</u>
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	108.13%
Total Interest Earned on Investments	\$ 467,436.45
Annualized Average Yield	1.02%

0.61%



#### F. FY 2009Deposit & Investment Report (Cont.)





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## **Endowment Funds Investment Performance:**

Portfolio Market Value July 1, 2008	\$ 569,771.02
Interest and Dividends Income Reinvested	19,102.43
Withdrawal	(20,963.34)
Change in Value of Investments	(126,122.38)
Portfolio Market Value June 30, 2009	\$ <u>441,787.73</u>

Total return on investments, with fee adjustments, for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009 (19.7)%

#### **Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:**

#### **Endowment Funds Asset Allocation (as of June 30, 2009):**

	Market Value	Yield Benchmark	
Equity Funds:			
Vanguard 500 Index	\$ 49,066.56	(26.1) (26.2)	
Morgan Stanley Institutional	28,328.84	(25.7) (31.4)	
Vanguard Dividend Appreciation	25,820.36	(18.9) (18.8)	
Vanguard Developed Index	51,205.50	(30.9) (31.4)	
Vanguard Emerging Markets	20,066.73	(28.2) (28.1)	
Vanguard Growth	25,057.81	(25.9) (25.8)	
Total Equity Funds			\$ 199,545.80

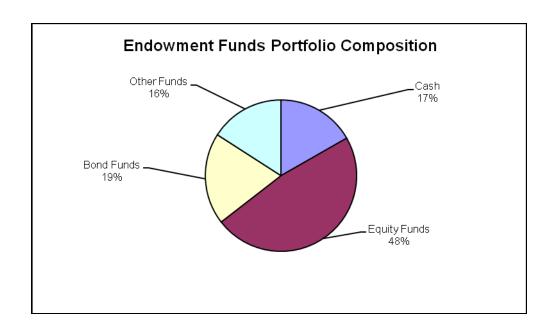
## F. FY 2009Deposit & Investment Report (Cont.)

## **Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account - Continued:**

#### Endowment Funds Asset Allocation (as of June 30, 2009) - Continued:

	Market Value	Yield	Benchmark	
Bond Funds:				
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index	\$ 59,743.43	6.2	6.0	
Vanguard Inflation Protected Securities	53,854.43	(2.5)	(1.1)	
*Templeton Global Bond	28,963.02	11.4	3.8	
*Pimco All Asset	43,894.65	(7.3)	(9.5)	
Total Bond Funds				186,455.53
Other Funds:				
Ishares EAFE Index	\$ 20,797.74	(31.0)	(31.4)	
Ishares S&P North Am.	20,782.50	(45.0)	(45.0)	
DJ Wilshire REIT Index	11,610.74	(45.3)	(45.1)	
Total Other Funds				53,190.98
Cash Funds:				
Schwab Money Market Fund	\$ <u>2,595.42</u>	1.0	1.2	
				2,595.42
Total Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:			\$ <u>441,787.73</u>	

<sup>\*</sup>This fund was added during the fiscal year. Performance and benchmarks are since inception.



#### G. University Highlights

#### **AROUND CAMPUS**

EIU again ranked among best in its class by U.S. News & World Report. For the 10th consecutive year, Eastern has been named one of the top Midwestern public universities in its class. EIU is ranked 11th among all Midwestern public universities offering a full range of undergraduate degrees and some master's degree programs. The rankings – part of the magazine's 2010 edition of "America's Best Colleges" – are based on schools' academic reputations, student selectivity, faculty resources, graduation and retention rates, financial resources and alumni giving. Additionally, in a comprehensive list of all 142 Midwest institutions, both public and private, EIU was ranked 47th. The rankings factored in that EIU has retained its focus on personal attention. For example, the student-faculty ratio remains at 15:1, and only 4 percent of all classes have 50 or more students. Thirty-six percent of Eastern's classes have 20 students or less enrolled in them. In addition, EIU continues to tout one of the highest freshman retention rates among all Illinois public universities in its class.

**Summer camps, conferences keep EIU busy**. Numbers are still being finalized, but as of mid-August, Eastern's Conference Services Office (camps and conferences) estimated that 11,400 guests visited campus during the summer, bringing in approximately \$900,000 to the university. (*This figure is not profit, just the amount of money brought in.*) Nearly 60 camps, representing sports, music, dance, journalism and more, were offered at EIU between May 14 and Aug. 8.

**EIU-operated shuttle service begins second year with additional shelters.** As Eastern begins its second year with its own service, using leased buses and university personnel as drivers, the university is in the position to add shelters and an extra stop on campus for the benefit of its users. Based on observations/suggestions from the drivers themselves, the university has added an additional stop for riders at University Apartments. Also, four additional 5-by-10 shelters, identical to the one already located northeast of the MLK Jr. Union, were to be installed at campus stops -- one each at Ninth Street Hall, Greek Court and two at University Apartments. Eastern began offering shuttle bus service to its students in 2002. By choosing to operate its own service in 2008, the university hoped to keep a handle on operating costs. "Our goal continues to be excellent stewardship of student fees and cost avoidance in the future," Nadler said.

**UPD Bicycle Patrol gets makeover.** Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, thought it important to give Eastern Illinois University's Bicycle Patrol a makeover. Officers will patrol campus on six new Cannondale law enforcement bikes, allowing them to respond to calls in areas not easily accessed by vehicles but too large for foot patrols, such as the Quad areas and practice fields. The Bicycle Patrol Unit was created in 1995 and, in addition to patrolling, are good for the environment in that they require no fuel.

#### **FACULTY/STAFF NEWS**

Benedict honored as 2009-2010 Faculty Laureate. Reed Benedict, an EIU sociology professor who didn't even know what sociology was when he took his first class as an undergraduate, was named EIU's 2009-2010 Faculty Laureate. As such, and in addition to his duties as a full-time faculty member in the Department of Sociology/Anthropology, he will spend the coming school year as the university's official spokesperson on the importance of a general/liberal education. His first opportunity took place Friday, Aug. 21, when he delivered the keynote address at this year's freshman Convocation. Benedict teaches general introductory courses in sociology in addition to courses in criminology, his area of expertise.

#### G. University Highlights (Cont.)

New Financial Aid director named at Eastern. Illinois native Jerry Donna returned to his home state to serve as director of Financial Aid. Previously, Donna served as director of Financial Aid at Salem College in North Carolina. The Danville-area native credits an Illinois Child of a Veteran Scholarship for the opportunity to pursue his own higher education at the University of Illinois. "I was the first in my family to attend college and financial aid made it possible," he said. "For many students, financial aid makes all the difference in their access to higher education. Part of my role will be to ensure that students understand the process of applying for financial aid and to help them utilize the resources that are available. There is already a strong foundation and a great deal of experience in the Financial Aid office at Eastern Illinois University. My major goals will be to build on the successes of the past and to strive for the highest level of student service."

**VP for External Relations announces plans to retire.** Jill Nilsen has announced her retirement, effective Dec. 31, 2009. The search for her successor has already begun, with Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, chairing the search advisory committee. It is expected that a successor will be in place by Dec. 1, to enable time for consultative transition. In addition, the name of the position will be changed to vice president for university advancement. "This signals internally and externally that the primary emphasis for this position is on fundraising, development and allied activities," President Bill Perry said. "The change in emphasis in the position not only represents the growing importance of philanthropy in EIU's future, but narrows the portfolio to enable more time and effort focused on fundraising."

## FOCUS ON ATHLETICS

The floor of Lantz Arena has a new and exciting look! A new basketball court was installed by Connor Courts, which makes the floors used at the NCAA Final Four. EIU men's and women's basketball head coaches Mike Miller and Brady Sallee say this new court provides EIU the best playing surface in the Ohio Valley Conference. The floor has a new design with less paint and a larger Eastern Illinois panther head logo. The previous court (age unknown) had been damaged by water; insurance money paid for the replacement court.

Eastern kicks off intercollegiate basketball centennial celebration. Eastern's men's basketball will play its 100th year of intercollegiate basketball during the 2009-10 season and the athletic department kicked off a year-long celebration in August. Ten individuals were named to the All-Century team. Six teams were recognized for their success and contributions to EIU men's basketball. The All-Century team includes (listed in chronological order) Andy Sullivan, Tom Katsimpalis, John Milholland, Charlie Thomas, Craig DeWitt, Jon Collins, Kevin Duckworth, Jay Taylor, Kyle Hill and Henry Domercant. The six teams earning special recognition include the 1952 NAIA team, 1957 NAIA team, 1976 NCAA Division II team, 1978 NCAA Division II team, 1992 NCAA Division I team and 2001 NCAA Division I team.

EIU athletic teams recognized with academic awards. Two athletic teams were awarded Team Academic Achievement Awards as the Ohio Valley Conference released the 2008-09 winners of the Conference Institutional Achievement Awards, OVC Medal of Honor recipients and Commissioner's Honor Roll. The Panthers' women's basketball team and women's track team were each awarded the OVC Team Academic Achievement Award for their respective sports. The award is handed out based on highest percentage of team members who earned a 3.0 or higher GPA for the academic year. Women's basketball had 11 of 14 players earn a 3.0 or higher for 78 percent of the team, while women's track had 53 percent earn a 3.0 or higher. Eastern also had 19 athletes earn OVC Medal of Honor recognition which is presented to

#### G. University Highlights (Cont.)

student-athletes who posted a perfect 4.0 for the previous year. EIU led all OVC schools with Medal of Honor recognition with 161 total student-athletes being named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.

#### **ALUMNI ACTIVITIES**

SUNY Professor, an EIU alumna, earns presidential honor for mentoring role. President Barack Obama has named Nancy Elwess, a SUNY Plattsburgh associate professor of biological sciences, as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. She will be honored at a White House reception this fall, and is one of but a handful of college faculty from across the country to receive this award. The award recognizes the crucial role that mentoring plays in the academic and personal development of students studying science or engineering and who belong to minorities that are underrepresented in those fields.

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Nearly 1,300 Eastern students began the semester performing service for the community. New incoming students could register to serve at on- and off-campus sites, including (but not limited to) the Douglas-Hart Nature Center in Mattoon, nursing homes in both Charleston and Mattoon, city neighborhoods in Charleston, a Habitat for Humanity site in Charleston, the Mattoon YMCA, the Charleston Alley Theater and many others. At one site on campus, 100 student volunteers simultaneously learned how to perform CPR! Additionally, groups prepared health kits for victims of disasters (to be distributed regionally by the Midwest Mission Center), coffee/tea packets for Charleston's Meals on Wheels program, and "Bulletin Board Bags" for local elementary/middle school teachers in Charleston and Mattoon.

# H. Other Matters

# I. Public Comment