

### III. REPORTS

#### A. **Report from Board Chair**

## B. Committee Reports

### **Executive/Planning Committee**

Mr. Joseph R. Dively, Chair  
Mr. Kristopher Goetz  
Mr. Rene M. Hutchinson  
Dr. Robert D. Webb

### **Board Relations Committee**

Mr. William Dano, Chair  
Mr. Roger Kratochvil  
Mr. Rene Hutchinson

### **Finance/Audit Committee**

Dr. Robert Webb, Chair  
Mr. Joseph Dively  
Mr. William Dano

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

Mr. Kristopher Goetz, Chair  
Dr. Jan Spivey Gilchrist  
Mr. Rene Hutchinson  
Mr. Mitchell Gurick

### **Board Regulations**

Executive/Planning Committee

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. **Approval of Minutes**

February 28, 2014 Board Meeting

**B. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$250,000 or More**

1.) **Purchase Item:** Telephone Service Agreement

**Description:** This contract renewal shall be for the one-year period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. This is the third one-year option period of the original agreement (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012) with the University's option to renew for five (5) additional one-year periods. The agreement includes Centrex (local telephone), long distance, voice-mail, paging, operator services, maintenance and internet services.

**Cost:** Not to exceed \$625,000.00

**Recommended Vendor:** Consolidated Communications, Inc.  
Mattoon, IL

**Fund Source:** Appropriated, Income and Local Funds

**Rationale / Justification:** Under the contract the University is not charged for the phones in the residence halls, saving the University approximately \$18,000 per month. When the contract was bid, Consolidated was the low bidder by a substantial margin. Without the expenditure of approximately \$3 million, the University does not have the ability to switch to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) to further reduce pricing.

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

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

**2.) Purchase Item:** Parking Lot Maintenance and Improvement

**Description:** The project location is the parking lot between Coleman Hall and Taylor Hall. It will include the partial “milling”, partial demolition and total replacement of existing bituminous pavement surface and will include new storm sewer extension, perimeter sidewalk replacement with appropriate ADA access improvement and stripping.

**Cost:** \$263,964.00 (including \$23,997.00 contingency)

**Recommended Vendor:** NeCo Asphalt \$239,967.00  
Charleston, IL

**Summary of Bids:** NeCo Asphalt \$239,967.00  
Charleston, IL

Feutz Contractors \$251,065.90  
Paris, IL

**Fund Source:** Local Funds

**Rationale / Justification:** The primary costs of this project are driven by drainage issues which have caused the asphalt to prematurely deteriorate. The University is saving approximately \$40,000 by partially milling/demolishing the surface.

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

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

**3.) Purchase Item:** License and Maintenance agreement for Banner software products

**Description:** Approval is requested for the five year renewal of the license and maintenance of Banner software products. This agreement would ensure that Eastern receives the latest vendor provided upgrades to the system and continuing assistance for problem resolution.

**Cost:** \$1,812,980.00 paid in annual installments as follows:

FY 2015	\$328,104.00
FY 2016	\$344,509.00
FY 2017	\$361,734.00
FY 2018	\$379,821.00
FY 2019	\$398,812.00

**Recommended Vendor:** Sophia Higher Education, Inc.  
Malvern, PA

**Summary of Bids:** This is a sole source renewal

**Fund Source:** Income Fund and Revenue Bond

**Rationale / Justification:** Banner is a collection of software products used by the University for managing Accounting, Human Resources, Student, Advancement and Financial Aid. Examples of how Banner benefits the University are by allowing the University personnel to manage admissions, registration, grades and graduation; providing information for Strategic Enrollment Planning; allowing personnel to be paid; and, allowing financial aid to be offered to students on a timely basis. Implementation of the Banner system cost the University approximately \$4.4 million over the multi-year period between 2003 and 2008. Keeping the Banner system allows the University to avoid incurring the implementation costs for a new system.

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

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

4.) **Purchase Item:** Athletic Apparel Sponsorship

**Description:** This item is a primary athletic apparel sponsorship agreement whereby Adidas would be the primary athletic apparel supplier on campus. This agreement also allows other campus departments ability to order licensed apparel from this agreement. The agreement would be for the time period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019 with the University's option to renew for one (1) additional five-year period.

**Cost:** Estimated annual cost \$250,000.00. The actual cost is dependent on the quantity of product purchased by the University.

**Recommended Vendor:** Adidas America Inc.

**Summary of Bids:** Adidas America Inc.  
Portland, OR  
  
BSN Sports  
Dallas, TX

**Fund Source:** Local Funds

**Rationale / Justification:** The agreement includes apparel, footwear, and accessories. Adidas is providing the University with discounts based upon the amount of apparel purchased each year. We anticipate that the discounts will reduce the University's annual cost of purchasing athletic apparel. The University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has been involved in the bid process.

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

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

**5.) Purchase Item:** Elevator Maintenance

**Description:** Approval is requested for the purchase of elevator maintenance for a five (5) year period beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. These services were originally approved by the Board June 22, 2009 for a five (5) year period (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014) with the University's option to renew for an additional five (5) year period. This is a five year renewal option (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019). Annual increases in cost shall be based upon any changes in the "Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices for Metals and Metal Products" and on the straight time hourly labor cost.

**Cost:** Not to exceed \$550,000 for five (5) year period (including estimated increases in cost due to Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices).

**Recommended Vendor:** Kone, Inc.  
Peoria, IL

**Summary of Bids:** As originally reported in 2009:

Kone, Inc., Peoria, IL	\$ 86,964
Otis Elevator, Peoria, IL	\$155,052
ThyssenKrupp, Peoria, IL	\$159,720
Urban Elevator, Cicero, IL	\$196,896
Murphy Elevator, Louisville, KY	\$210,840

**Fund Source:** Local, Appropriated and Foundation Funds

**Rationale / Justification:** Annual elevator maintenance is required by Illinois Compiled Statutes (225 ILCS 312). In 2009, each potential vendor tied the cost of their bid to the Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices. University staff watches the market closely to ensure that we continue to obtain the lowest possible pricing for elevator maintenance.

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



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

**6.) Purchase Item:** Membership in CARLI

**Description:** Approval is requested for the purchase of a membership in the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) for Booth Library for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Through the University's membership, CARLI provides access to resources of libraries statewide. The resources are primarily electronic and include indexes, abstracts and databases. Additionally, CARLI maintains an inter-library book lending program.

**Cost:** Not to exceed \$375,000.00

**Recommended Vendor:** University of Illinois, CARLI  
Champaign, IL

**Summary of Bids:** Bidding is not required per Public Act 97-0643

**Fund Source:** Appropriated and Income Funds

**Rationale / Justification:** EIU is a leader in the area of faculty-mentored graduate and undergraduate research. For example, more than 40 students presented their original research at the 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). Further, the importance of research is reflected in the University's mission statement, which pledges that the University "fosters opportunities for student-faculty scholarship and applied learning experiences." Best research practices require connecting one's research to previous publications and results, and library resources such as those acquired through the CARLI system help provide a strong foundation for our faculty and student research.

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

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

**7.) Purchase Item:** Library Books, Periodicals and Electronic Resources

**Description:** Approval is requested for the purchase of various books and periodicals for Booth Library. This purchase includes books, journals, databases, abstracts, indexes, yearbooks and newspapers covering all subject areas, in various formats including print, online and microform. This purchase is primarily for periodicals, which generally contain the most current subject matter available. This purchase is for fiscal year 2015.

This purchase uses a contract negotiated by CARLI.

**Cost:** Not to exceed \$725,000.00

**Recommended Vendor:** EBSCO Industries Inc.,  
Cary, IL

**Summary of Bids:** Bidding is not required per Public Act 97-0643

**Fund Source:** Appropriated and Income Funds

**Rationale / Justification:** EIU is a leader in the area of faculty-mentored graduate and undergraduate research. For example, more than 40 students presented their original research at the 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). Further, the importance of research is reflected in the University's mission statement, which pledges that the University "fosters opportunities for student-faculty scholarship and applied learning experiences." Best research practices require connecting one's research to previous publications and results, and library resources such as those acquired through the EBSCO help provide a strong foundation for our faculty and student research.

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

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

**8.) Purchase Item:** Library Books and Electronic Resources

**Description:** Approval is requested for the purchase of various books and electronic resources for Booth Library. This purchase includes books in various formats including print and online. This purchase is for fiscal year 2015.

This purchase uses a contract negotiated by CARLI.

**Cost:** Not to exceed \$275,000.00

**Recommended Vendor:** Yankee Book Peddler  
Contoocook, NH

**Summary of Bids:** Bidding is not required per Public Act 97-0643

**Fund Source:** Appropriated and Income Funds

**Rationale / Justification:** EIU is a leader in the area of faculty-mentored graduate and undergraduate research. For example, more than 40 students presented their original research at the 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). Further, the importance of research is reflected in the University's mission statement, which pledges that the University "fosters opportunities for student-faculty scholarship and applied learning experiences." Best research practices require connecting one's research to previous publications and results, and library resources such as those acquired through the Yankee Book Peddler help provide a strong foundation for our faculty and student research.

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

### C. New Degree Program – Bachelor of Arts in Music

Most four-year institutions in the state of Illinois (and contiguous states) offer the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree. Eastern Illinois University currently offers the Bachelor of Music degree with 1) Option in Teacher Certification, and 2) Option in Performance. Those options are designed for students with specialized interests in performance or teaching. Students with broader interests are not adequately served. This degree, with the many possibilities in the Open Studies Concentration, will attract more music students to the university.

There are always a number of students in the Bachelor of Music: Teacher Certification Option who really belong in the Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. They struggle with the demands of the curriculum and often transfer to other schools that offer the BA. This degree will give students not suited to performance or education an option and boost retention rates.

The Board is asked to consider the approval of a new degree program, Bachelor of Arts in Music.

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the addition of the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree program.**

#### **D. Tenure Recommendations**

Recommendations on the award of tenure will be presented to the Board by addendum at the meeting.

**E. Tenure Approval – New Hire**

The Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustee Regulations (Section II.B.) indicates that at the time of initial employment by the University or subsequent thereto, an administrative employee may be granted tenure by the Board upon the recommendation of the President in consideration of recommendations by the appropriate department (or equivalent academic unit), the Dean, the Provost/Vice President, and the President and approved by the Board.

The Board is asked to consider approval of tenure for Dr. Shellie Gregorich, new Chair of Music. Dr. Gregorich is scheduled to begin her employment at Eastern Illinois University on July 1, 2014.

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the July 1, 2014 awarding of tenure to Dr. Shellie Gregorich.**

**F. Naming of University Property**

This item will be presented to the Board by addendum at the meeting.

## **G. Annual Meeting: Election of Officers**

The April meeting is the annual meeting for the Board.

Per Robert Miller, University Counsel, the “Eastern Illinois University Law” (110 ILCS 665/10-25 provides that only the Board Chairman and Secretary may be elected by secret ballot.

The Vice Chairperson and member pro tem of the Executive Committee will be selected by a roll call vote.



## V. INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. **President's Report**

1. Graduate Studies Report
2. Program Analysis Update

## **B. Reports from Constituencies**

Faculty Senate – Dr. Grant Sterling

Staff Senate – No Report

Student Government – Ms. Kaylia Eskew

**C. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Purchase</u></b>	<b><u>Bids</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Boelter, Inc.	Dish Machine	2	\$236,682.00
NeCo Asphalt Co. Inc.	Tennis Court Resurfacing	1	\$224,350.00
CDW Government	Microsoft License Renewal	(a)	\$122,384.92

## D. FY 2014 Deposit & Investment Report

**Eastern Illinois University  
Deposit and Investment Report  
For the Quarter Ending March 31, 2014**

**Operating Funds Investment Performance:**

	<b>Quarterly</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Average Daily Cash Balance	\$ (4,178,830.22)	\$ (4,869,922.21)
Average Daily Invested Balance	<u>76,132,917.72</u>	<u>65,985,638.82</u>
Net Average Daily Balance	<u>\$ 71,954,087.50</u>	<u>\$ 61,115,716.61</u>
Total Interest Earned on Investments	<u>\$ 3,424.11</u>	<u>\$ 11,416.30</u>
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	<u>105.81%</u>	<u>107.97%</u>
Annualized Average Yield	<u>0.02%</u>	<u>0.03%</u>
Benchmark - 90 Day Treasury Bill	<u>0.05%</u>	<u>0.05%</u>

**Summary of Investments:**

	Cost	Market Value
Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$485,000.00</u>	<u>\$485,000.00</u>

**Summary of Investments Purchased or Matured during this Quarter:**

Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$485,000.00</u>	Renewed
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EIU invests 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 0.01% to .75%

**University/Foundation/Alumni/Agency General Ledger Cash by Major Category:**

Income Fund Tuition	\$ 20,354,679.79
Construction Funds/Capital Projects	16,018,542.97
Local Accounts/Athletics/Student Governed Funds/Reserves	14,190,820.74
Alumni/Foundation Funds Held by the University	9,317,669.76
Housing/Student Life Construction/Repair/Replacement Reserve	8,333,106.25
Student Insurance Fund/Departmental Equipment Reserves	8,219,110.62
Housing/Student Life Operating Funds	5,965,925.42
Gifts with Donor Restrictions for Departments	2,773,060.70
Research and Grant Funds	934,915.68
Parking/Lounge Operating Funds	573,270.98
Student Loan/Work Study Funds	501,159.82
Funds Held for Clubs/Organizations	197,007.80
Endowment Funds	103,021.42
Scholarships Receivable Cash Reflected in Categories Above	(1,236,937.99)
General Revenue Due From the State of Illinois	<u>(18,308,266.80)</u>
Total Cash Balance March 31, 2014	<u>\$ 67,937,087.16</u>

## D. FY 2014 Deposit & Investment Report (Cont.)

### Endowment Funds Investment Performance:

		<b>Quarterly</b>		<b>Year to Date</b>
Previous Portfolio Market Value	12/31/13	\$ 614,400.83	6/30/13	\$ 580,615.23
Interest and Dividends Income Reinvested		4,578.42		15,270.03
Change in Value of Investments		65,506.25		88,600.24
Net Additions/Withdrawals		<u>777,925.77</u>		<u>777,925.77</u>
Present Portfolio Market Value	3/31/14	<u>\$ 1,462,411.27</u>	3/31/14	<u>\$ 1,462,411.27</u>
Total Annualized Return on Investments for the Period		<u>27.00%</u>		<u>13.56%</u>

### Endowment Funds Asset Allocation - Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:

	<b>Market Value</b>		<b>Market Value</b>
	<b>3/31/14</b>		<b>6/30/13</b>
<b>Equity Funds:</b>			
Vanguard 500 Index	\$ 195,401.64		\$ 84,602.18
Morgan Stanley Institutional	176,260.69		61,693.07
Vanguard Dividend Appreciation	104,719.38		49,316.38
Vanguard Developed Index	183,060.86		66,062.52
Vanguard Emerging Markets	118,618.18		41,196.07
Vanguard Growth	87,428.50		42,369.46
Pimco All Asset Fund	<u>142,427.36</u>		<u>56,137.28</u>
Total Equity Funds	\$ 1,007,916.61		\$ 401,376.96
<b>Bond Funds:</b>			
Templeton Global Bond	\$ 72,728.87		\$ 25,419.80
Vanguard Total Bond Mkt Index	207,371.07		80,108.97
Vanguard Inflation Protected Sec.	<u>70,709.69</u>		<u>20,544.47</u>
Total Bond Funds	350,809.63		126,073.24
<b>Other Funds:</b>			
Ishares TR MSCI EAFE	\$ 30,508.80		\$ 26,014.20
Ishares S&P North American	<u>71,117.55</u>		<u>24,218.58</u>
Total Other Funds	101,626.35		50,232.78
<b>Cash Funds:</b>			
Schwab Money Market Fund	<u>2,058.68</u>		<u>2,932.25</u>
Total Schwab Institutional Brokerage Acct:	<u>\$ 1,462,411.27</u>		<u>\$ 580,615.23</u>

## E. University Highlights

### AROUND CAMPUS

**More than 40 EIU students presented undergraduate research projects at the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research.** Throughout the conferences, held in Lexington, Ky., EIU students gave oral or poster presentations on a range of topics from mental illness to bioenergetics. Richard England, dean of the Honors College, said EIU has become a state leader in undergraduate research, and the university continues to make research a fundamental part of its mission.

“We are way ahead of the curve on undergraduate research compared to other state universities, particularly in our participation in NCUR,” he said. “Our students participate in a variety of enriching and challenging research projects and they have a large presence at the NCUR conference.”

England said undergraduate research gives students the opportunity to show future employers they have the skills and the drive to take what they learned in the classroom, and to make their own discoveries in arts, humanities, sciences and applied disciplines.

**News of EIU research project hits international radio airwaves.** The plight of the Midland Brownsnake population at Fox Ridge State Park has gone international. While usually keeping a low profile, the small and harmless brownsnakes begin preparing for the winter by migrating across a park road in search of suitable overwintering habitat. Sites in the park’s forested upland areas are much more suitable for hibernation than those where the snakes are active in the warmer months. Unfortunately, because of their small size and coloring, these particular snakes often go unnoticed by motorists. Thus, a number of them never successfully complete their trip.

In early March, the BBC radio program “Nature” (not to be confused with PBS’ televised “Nature” shows) featured a 28-minute episode focused on this phenomenon and the research being conducted on it through EIU. Biology professor Stephen Mullin has since received a request from a volunteer conservation group in Belgium for some advice on a similar situation involving toads crossing one of their roads near Brussels.

For details on this story, including links to the “Nature” episode, see <http://newsroom.eiu.edu/press-release/news-eiu-research-project-hits-international-radio-airwaves>.

**Booth Library named finalist for National Medal for Museum and Library Service.** The Institute of Museum and Library Services has announced that Booth Library is a finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The National Medal is the nation’s highest honor conferred on museums and libraries for service to the community. Medal finalists are selected from nationwide nominations of libraries and museums that demonstrate innovative approaches to public service, exceeding the expected levels of community outreach. Booth Library is one of 30 national finalists for the award, and one of only 15 libraries chosen from throughout the United States.

Booth Library was nominated based on its extensive program series and other events for the community. Series have included exhibits and programs based on different topics each semester, including “America’s Music,” “Farm Life,” “Elizabeth I,” “Frankenstein,” “Benjamin Franklin,” “Teachers Tame the Prairie,” “Harry Potter’s World,” “Building Memories: Creating a Campus Community” and the current program series, “Muslim Journeys.” These series have offered a variety of films, discussions, lectures, musical and theater performances, lectures, exhibits and other activities for free to the community.

## E. University Highlights (Cont.)

The National Medal for Museum and Library Service winners will be announced on April 24. See <http://newsroom.eiu.edu/press-release/awards-and-honors/booth-library-named-finalist-national-medal-museum-and-library-ser-0> for details on this story.

**EIU student graces cover of national magazine.** It was a happy coincidence. The American College of Sports Medicine wanted a cover photo for its January/February 2014 issue of Health & Fitness Journal. A Lincolnshire, Ill.-based photo studio had a young model they had worked with before; he was young, attractive and, perhaps most importantly, physically fit. The fact that he's preparing for a career involving health and fitness was just icing on the cake.

"This is definitely an unexpected, but exciting, opportunity," said Tarrence Williams, a senior exercise science major at Eastern Illinois University. "I now have the perfect piece of artwork to hang on my office wall – once I graduate and get an office to hang it in, that is."

See <http://newsroom.eiu.edu/press-release/awards-and-honors/eiu-student-graces-cover-national-magazine> for the full story.

**Atrium of Neal Welcome Center dedicated to Fischer family.** After spending two lifetimes devoted to education, Raymond and Carolyn Fischer have shown their continued dedication and commitment to education and EIU once again. In appreciation of a \$100,000 gift to the Neal Welcome Center fund, EIU President Bill Perry and Robert Martin, vice president for university advancement, recently dedicated the atrium of the Neal Welcome Center as the "Dr. Raymond & Carolyn (Miller) Fischer Reception Atrium." The North Dakota family also donated a Paul Sargent painting, which has found a permanent home in the atrium. The Fischer family established a scholarship in 1988, which is given to either a promising communication studies student or English student annually.

## FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

**Provost names recipients of 2014 Undergraduate Research Mentor Award.** Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced the recipients of the 2014 Undergraduate Research Mentor Award: **Isaac Slaven**, School of Technology; **Michael Menze**, biological sciences; **Charles Foy**, history; and **Misty Rhoads**, health studies.

Undergraduate Research Mentor Awards recognize faculty who exemplify the highest ideals of faculty/student engagement in research, scholarship and creative activity. The awards honor faculty whose mentoring serves as an example to the campus by combining a commitment to scholarship, professional or creative work with innovative and effective undergraduate teaching. Recipients of these awards contribute to their discipline through the development of their own scholarship or creative activity alongside that of their students. By maintaining active engagement within their field and bringing undergraduate students into the discipline, exemplary faculty mentors leverage their own professional, disciplinary and academic networks to the advantage of new scholars, professionals and creative artists.

**Eastern appoints new registrar.** Amy Lynch, assistant to the dean for student academic programs in the College of Sciences, has accepted the position of registrar. "Her knowledge of and experience with EIU's academic policies, programs, processes and student record systems, as well as her skill at interpreting and implementing complex rules and regulations, will serve her well in her new position," said Mary Herrington-Perry, assistant vice president for academic affairs and

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enrollment management. “She also is a strong advocate for EIU and its students, to whom she is committed to providing service of the highest caliber.”

Lynch will assume her duties as registrar on May 19.

**Jonathan McKenzie named new executive officer of EIU Foundation.** “We welcome Jonathan to his new leadership role,” said Christine Robertson, president of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “In addition to his prior experience working with various boards, Jonathan brings 10 continuous years of professional experience at EIU, serving in the offices of Alumni Services, the Alumni Fund, University Advancement and Academic Affairs. Through these experiences, he has developed an appreciation and understanding of the unique history, cultural traditions, and donor, alumni and community relationships that are the building blocks of the strong partnership between the university and the Foundation.”

McKenzie previously served as assistant to the dean of Eastern’s Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences. Previously, as an assistant director with Alumni Services, he coordinated the Annual Fund (from 2004-2010) while holding a part-time position as a philanthropy officer during two of those years for the School of Continuing Education.

**As Eastern Illinois University’s newest admissions counselor, Aseret Gonzalez plans to go out and recruit families – not just students.** “The Hispanic population is very family-oriented,” Gonzalez said. “For them, it is not common practice to head off to college after graduating from high school. Rather, it is the Hispanic tradition to stay closer to home and help out the family.”

A first-generation college student from Spring Valley, Ill., Gonzalez began attending Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, Ill., before transferring to Eastern and earning her bachelor’s degree in sociology. She will graduate in May 2014 with her master’s degree in college student affairs.

“As I work with transfer students, I want to help them with that same transition,” she said. “And that means meeting and working with their families, as well.”

Learn more about Gonzalez at <http://newsroom.eiu.edu/press-release/around-campus/eiu-admissions-counselor-recruit-families-not-just-students>.

**Employees honored for continuous years of service.** Eastern recently recognized nearly 250 of its employees for continuous years of service. A luncheon was held in recognition of university employees with continuous years of service in five-year increments. Those employed at EIU for five years were eligible for a certificate; those with 10 or more years of service were honored with both a certificate and a pin.

Among those honored for their years of service were: Robert Wiseman, 55 years; Robert Augustine, David Bartz and Kathleen Phillips, 35 years; and Richard Cavanaugh, Patrick Coulton, Glenn Hild, Denise Preston, Patricia Shonk and Michael Wilson, 30 years. See <http://newsroom.eiu.edu/press-release/awards-and-honors/eiu-employees-honored-continuous-years-service-1> for a complete list of recipients.

## FOCUS ON ATHLETICS

**Basketball teams advance to Nashville.** Eastern Illinois had both its men's and women's basketball teams advance to the OVC Basketball Tournament in Nashville for the second straight year. The Panther men were led by second team All-OVC selection Sherman Blanford, while the EIU women were paced by second team All-OVC honoree Sabina Oroszova.



## **E. University Highlights (Cont.)**

**Schmitz celebrates 20th year, 500th EIU win.** Head baseball coach Jimmy Schmitz is in his 20th year at the helm at Eastern Illinois this season as the Panthers are in the middle of the conference season. Earlier this year, he won his 500th game as the Panthers' skipper with a win over Michigan State. Schmitz will be honored prior to the Panthers' April 26 game with a plaque commemorating both the 20th year and 500th win

**Darling Tennis Courts being rebuilt.** EIU tennis will be playing on new courts for the 2014-15 season as the athletic department is currently rebuilding the Darling Tennis Court complex from the ground up. The project began on April 9 with the demolition of the previous court surface.

**EIU track Indoor All-American.** For the fourth straight year, Eastern Illinois had at least one student-athlete earn Indoor All-American honors as senior Peter Geraghty advanced to the NCAA Indoor Track National Championships in New Mexico. He placed 12th in the nation earning second team All-American honors.

**F. Other Matters**

## **G. Public Comment**