

### III. REPORTS

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

## B. Committee Reports

### **Executive/Planning Committee**

Mr. Rene Hutchinson, Chair  
Mr. Joe Dively  
Dr. Jan Spivey Gilchrist  
Mr. Kristopher Goetz

### **Board Relations Committee**

Mr. Roger Kratochvil, Chair  
Dr. Jan Spivey Gilchrist  
Ms. Catie Witt

### **Finance/Audit Committee**

Mr. Kristopher Goetz, Chair  
Mr. Timothy Burke  
Mr. Daniel Caulkins  
Mr. Rene Hutchinson

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

Dr. Jan Spivey Gilchrist, Chair  
Mr. Joe Dively  
Ms. Catie Witt

### **Board Regulations**

Executive/Planning Committee

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. **Honoring Dr. Robert D. Webb**

**B. Approval of Minutes**

November 13, 2015 Board Meeting

## C. WEIU Spectrum Auction

## D. Housing Rates

### HOUSING RATES

#### RESIDENCE HALLS & GREEK COURT- 2016-2017 Academic Year Rates (Effective Fall Semester 2016)

Per semester rate based on double occupancy

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	
7 Meal Plan Option 7 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$200 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 2 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$4,233	\$0	\$4,233	(Rm \$2,963/ Bd \$1,270)
10 Meal Plan Option 10 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$60 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 3 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$4,422	\$0	\$4,422	(Rm \$2,963/ Bd \$1,459)
12 Meal Plan Option 12 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$100 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 4 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$4,588	\$0	\$4,588	(Rm \$2,963/ Bd \$1,625)
15 Meal Plan Option 15 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$140 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 5 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$4,773	\$0	\$4,773	(Rm \$2,963/ Bd \$1,810)

The Meal Plan Option permits each student with a board plan to use a specified number of Dining Dollars for any of the following: 1) Purchases at the Food Court within the University Union; 2) Purchases at our two residence hall convenience centers; 3) Purchases at Panther Pantry and Java B&B in the University Union; 4) Meals for a guest in any Dining Center when accompanied by the student; 5) Additional meals for the student in any Dining Center. Bonus Meals allows the plan holder to use those meals for a guest or for themselves if they run out of meals.

<b>Adjusted Usage Charges</b>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Double Room as Single (per Semester)	\$850	\$0	\$850
Triple Room as Double (per Semester)	\$450	\$0	\$450

<b>Summer Room and Board</b>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
2017 Summer - 4 week - Single Room	\$982	\$0	\$982
2017 Summer - 4 week - Double Room	\$785	\$0	\$785
2017 Summer - 6 week - Single Room	\$1,473	\$0	\$1,473
2017 Summer - 6 week - Double Room	\$1,177	\$0	\$1,177
2017 Summer - 8 week - Single Room	\$1,965	\$0	\$1,965
2017 Summer - 8 week - Double Room	\$1,568	\$0	\$1,568

NOTE: 12 Meal Plan Option is the only option offered during Summer Sessions

**D. Housing Rates (Cont.)**

**UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS (Monthly rates will be effective August 15, 2016)**

<b><u>9.5 MONTHS:</u></b>	<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>	<b><u>INCREASE</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>
1 1/2 Room Apartment	\$4,634	\$0	\$4,634
2 Room Apartment	\$4,876	\$0	\$4,876
Efficiency Apartment	\$4,338	\$0	\$4,338
<b><u>PER MONTH:</u></b>			
1 1/2 Room Apartment	\$488	\$0	\$488
2 Room Apartment	\$513	\$0	\$513
Efficiency Apartment	\$457	\$0	\$457

**UNIVERSITY COURT - 2016-2017 Academic Year Rates (Effective August 1, 2016)**

**Per resident, per semester, based on double occupancy**

	<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>	<b><u>INCREASE</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,598	\$0	\$2,598
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Balcony	\$2,756	\$0	\$2,756
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,795	\$0	\$2,795
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Balcony	\$2,895	\$0	\$2,895
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$3,002	\$0	\$3,002
Studio	\$2,460	\$0	\$2,460
3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$3,290	\$0	\$3,290

**Fall 2016 Semester Only Contracts**

2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,858	\$0	\$2,858
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Balcony	\$3,032	\$0	\$3,032
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, No Balcony	\$3,074	\$0	\$3,074
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Balcony	\$3,184	\$0	\$3,184
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$3,302	\$0	\$3,302
Studio	\$2,706	\$0	\$2,706
3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$3,618	\$0	\$3,618

**Summer 2017 (Effective May 2017)**

**Monthly Rate**

2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$490	\$0	\$490
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Balcony	\$523	\$0	\$523
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, No Balcony	\$518	\$0	\$518
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Balcony	\$538	\$0	\$538
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$490	\$0	\$490
Studio	\$491	\$0	\$491
3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$550	\$0	\$550

<b>Adjusted Usage Charges</b>	<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>	<b><u>INCREASE</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>
Two Bedroom Apartment as Single	\$850	\$0	\$850

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the room and board rates for FY17.**

**E. Election of Representative to the State University Civil Service System Merit Board**

The governing body of the University System is the University Civil Service Merit Board. The Board is composed of 11 members representing the public universities of the State of Illinois. Members of the Merit Board are appointed by their respective University governing boards.

The meetings are currently held at the University System office in Urbana, Illinois, with video Conference locations available. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

The 2016 meeting calendar is as follows:

- Wednesday, January 27, 2016
- Wednesday, May 11, 2016
- Wednesday, August 17, 2016
- Wednesday, November 16, 2016



## V. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

## **B. Reports from Constituencies**

Faculty Senate – Dr. Jemie Robertson

Staff Senate – No Report

Student Government – Ms. Shirmeen Ahmad

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

None

## D. FY 2016 Deposit and Investment Report

Eastern Illinois University  
Deposit and Investment Report  
For the Quarter Ending December 31, 2015

### Operating Funds Investment Performance:

	Quarterly	Year to Date
Average Daily Cash Balance	\$ (3,007,165.69)	\$ (3,099,273.77)
Average Daily Invested Balance	<u>41,773,326.61</u>	<u>44,284,864.15</u>
Net Average Daily Balance	<u>\$ 38,766,160.92</u>	<u>\$ 41,185,590.38</u>
Total Interest Earned on Investments	<u>\$ 6,755.52</u>	<u>\$ 12,739.43</u>
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	<u>107.76%</u>	<u>107.53%</u>
Annualized Average Yield	<u>0.07%</u>	<u>0.06%</u>
Benchmark - 90 Day Treasury Bill	<u>0.14%</u>	<u>0.09%</u>

### Summary of Investments:

	Cost	Market Value
Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$ 241,561.56</u>	<u>\$ 241,561.56</u>

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 0.04% to .60%

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

Income Fund Tuition	\$ 13,596,390.37
Local Accounts/Athletics/Student Governed Funds/Reserves	11,801,435.46
Student Insurance Fund/Departmental Equipment Reserves	10,956,337.91
Alumni/Foundation Funds Held by the University	8,069,343.55
Construction Funds/Capital Projects	6,724,340.97
Housing/Student Life Operating Funds	6,373,278.75
Gifts with Donor Restrictions for Departments	3,399,058.11
Housing/Student Life Construction/Repair/Replacement Reserve	2,173,279.49
Student Loan/Work Study Funds	830,165.99
Research and Grant Funds	792,996.95
Funds Held for Clubs/Organizations	609,744.62
Parking/Lounge Operating Funds	509,738.39
Endowment Funds	94,288.98
Scholarships Receivable Cash Reflected in Categories Above	(3,885,261.41)
General Revenue Due From the State of Illinois	<u>(26,730,823.52)</u>
Total Cash Balance December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 35,314,314.61</u>

## D. FY 2016 Deposit and Investment Report (Cont.)

### Endowment Funds Investment Performance:

		Quarterly		Year to Date
Previous Portfolio Market Value	9/30/15	\$ 2,226,233.08	6/30/15	\$ 2,391,763.31
Interest and Dividends Income Reinvested		23,998.37		37,138.54
Cash/Investments Transferred to Endowment		47,400.07		47,545.09
Change in Value of Investments		34,817.23		(143,998.19)
Present Portfolio Market Value	12/31/15	<u>\$ 2,332,448.75</u>	12/31/15	<u>\$ 2,332,448.75</u>
Total Return on Investments for the Period		<u>*7.05%</u>		<u>*(0.51)%</u>

\* Preliminary results. Actual results will be slightly less after deductions for management fees.

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

	Market Value 12/31/15	Market Value 6/30/15
<b>Equity Funds:</b>		
Brandes Intl Equity	\$ -	\$ 59,263.24
Brookfield Global	65,946.42	20,260.22
MFS Intl Value	-	27,966.46
Morgan Stanley Intl	166,286.67	177,693.33
Pimco All Asset	88,358.13	182,178.04
Principal Diversified	92,883.32	104,708.75
Touchstone Intl Small Cap.	71,346.61	-
Vanguard Developed Markets	182,356.67	258,054.85
Vanguard Dividend Appreciation	69,456.76	29,293.96
Vanguard Emerging Markets	151,490.00	156,526.97
Vanguard Total Stock Market	287,648.20	316,886.68
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	266,872.04	320,764.21
Vaughan Nelson Value	68,260.95	38,614.88
Wells Fargo Advantage	140,209.82	43,958.58
Total Equity Funds	<u>\$ 1,651,115.59</u>	<u>\$ 1,736,170.17</u>
<b>Bond Funds:</b>		
Doubleline Total Return	\$ 71,618.47	\$ 46,014.57
JPMorgan Core Bond	\$ 165,120.41	\$ 79,679.92
Metropolitan West Total	\$ 166,818.11	\$ 96,481.64
Templeton Global Bond	\$ 69,192.84	\$ 118,130.47
Vanguard Inflation Protected Sec.	70,811.03	72,023.02
Vanguard Total Bond	-	215,117.47
Total Bond Funds	<u>543,560.86</u>	<u>627,447.09</u>
<b>Other Funds:</b>		
Ishares Currency Hedge	\$ 135,683.77	\$ -
Ishares S&P North American	-	24,510.56
Total Other Funds	<u>135,683.77</u>	<u>24,510.56</u>
<b>Cash Funds:</b>		
Schwab Money Market Fund/Cash	<u>2,088.53</u>	<u>3,635.49</u>
Total Schwab Institutional Brokerage Acct:	<u>\$ 2,332,448.75</u>	<u>\$ 2,391,763.31</u>

## E. Financial Aid Programs Report

**Eastern Illinois University  
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships  
Summary Statistics for FY 2015**

### Financial Aid Programs Report

Eighty percent of Eastern's student body received some type of financial assistance in FY 2015 in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, tuition waivers and/or employment, from various federal, state, university, and other programs. Financial aid in FY 2015 totaled \$115,540,292 at Eastern, a decrease of (\$6,742,612) or (5.51%) over FY 2014. The percentage breakdown of financial aid sources is as follows: 62% federal, 10% state, 20% institutional, and 8% other.

	FY 2014	FY 2015	% of change	% of volume
<b>Total number of financial aid recipients</b>	8937	8381	-6.22%	
<b>Percentage of enrollment receiving aid</b>	78%	80.97%	3.81%	
<b>Total dollars received</b>	\$122,282,904	\$115,540,292	-5.51%	
<b>Average amount received by each recipient</b>	\$13,683	\$13,786	0.75%	
<b>Sources of financial aid</b>				
Federal programs	\$76,214,561	\$68,694,498	-9.87%	62%
State of Illinois programs	\$12,790,322	\$12,314,477	-3.72%	10%
Institutional	\$24,040,533	\$26,010,616	8.19%	20%
Other	\$9,237,488	\$8,520,701	-7.76%	8%
Total	\$122,282,904	\$115,540,292	-5.51%	100%
<b>Types of financial aid</b>				
Grants, Scholarships, Waivers	\$48,273,894	\$49,296,860	2.12%	43%
Loans	\$67,064,892	\$59,402,796	-11.42%	51%
Work	\$6,944,118	\$6,840,636	-1.49%	6%
Total	\$122,282,904	\$115,540,292	-5.51%	100%
<b>Enrollment *</b>				
Undergraduate	9287	8563	-7.80%	
Graduate	1943	1788	-7.98%	
Total	11230	10351	-7.83%	

\* Source for enrollment information: EIU Office of Planning and Institutional Research, *12-month Unduplicated Count by Race/Ethnicity and Gender for the Academic Year* and as reported on the annual Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP).

All other figures as reported to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) by the EIU Office of Financial Aid.

## F. University Highlights

### AROUND CAMPUS

#### **A Little Compassion Goes a Long Way: EIU Professor and Local Business Provide Holiday Meal to International Students**

Wafeek Wahby experienced an eye-opening moment when he realized some of his international students had never imbibed in a true American Thanksgiving dinner.

Having once been an international student himself, the EIU technology professor has always reserved a special place in his heart for those students who come to the U.S. from various other parts of the world.

Five years ago, after discovering many of “his” students stayed on campus instead of experiencing the traditional turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie meal of the season, he became determined.

“I always tell my students it is not the equations or formulas they will remember,” he said, “It is the people and outside experiences that you will remember 60 years from now as you tell your grandchildren about your years in America.”

It was in that moment Wahby made a promise. He promised to offer all EIU international students a holiday dinner, even though he did not have the logistics nailed down. Luckily, local business owner Frank Zendeli and his son, Gici, offered their help.

While searching for discounts on food or donations, Wahby approached the Lincoln Garden restaurant. By then, he had become slightly discouraged. Sitting down with the owner and his son, Wahby shared his story. Without hesitation, the father and son agreed not to provide a discount, but, rather, host the entire dinner at their restaurant — for free.

“He (Frank Zendeli) looked at me, and said, they (the meals) are on me,” Wahby remembered. Although filled with relief, he couldn’t help but ask again with disbelief.

“They are on me, Dr. Wahby,” he stressed to Wahby. “Any number (of students), if you get them here, we will give them a real dinner like Thanksgiving and Christmas.”

And five years later, the Zendeli family are still true to their word. Wahby and the Zendeli family offered the annual Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, for EIU international students and friends. The full story can be found at <http://castle.eiu.edu/~pubaff/viewstory.php?action=1104>.

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual EIUnity Diversity Conference to Be Held on Campus.** The eighth annual EIUnity Diversity Conference will take place on Feb. 5 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. This conference will provide more than 20 workshops, including Safe Zone trainings and topics addressing issues in the area of race, ethnicity, education equity, LGBT and gender. The full itinerary is available on the Minority Affairs website.

<http://www.eiu.edu/minoraff/EIUnity%20Diversity%20Conference.php>

**Office Name Changes in the Division of Student Affairs,** Effective Jan. 1, 2016, the following office name changes occurred: New Student Programs became the **Office of New Student and Family Programs** and Student Community Service became the **Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism**.

## F. University Highlights (Cont.)

### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**EIU Alumnus Finalist for Global Teacher Prize.** An EIU education alumnus, Joe Fatheree, has been selected as a finalist for the Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize. The top 50 nominees have been shortlisted from 8,000 nominations and applications from 148 countries around the world. Only eight individuals on the list were from the United States, Fatheree included. The award, considered the Nobel Prize of teaching, will be announced in March 2016.

Fatheree started teaching 30 years ago after graduating from EIU with a bachelor's degree in 1989 and later a master's degree in 2005. As a multimedia instructor in Effingham, Fatheree helped create the popular CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) class that focuses on hands-on learning. The idea for the class came from realizing his students responded better to hands-on learning. The initial class has expanded to 30 cities.

Fatheree was also named Illinois Teacher of the Year in 2007 and was awarded the NEA's National Award for Teaching Excellence in 2009.

**EIU Alumnus Selected as Assistant Coach of the Year.** EIU alumnus Mick Galeski '08 has been selected as the NSCAA 2015 National Assistant Coach of the Year for Junior Colleges. The award recognizes outstanding assistant coaches. Galeski teaches physical education at Edison Middle School in Champaign and coaches at Parkland College as the assistant coach of men's soccer. **Check out a full story on Galeski in the Winter edition of the Forever EIU alumni magazine.**

### From EIU's Office of Marketing and Creative Services:

#### **EIU Teaching Couple Devotes Entire Life to Education.**

Craig Lindvahl dreamed of playing and creating music, but instead, he stumbled into teaching — a stumble that transformed his life and the lives of countless students.

Craig graduated from EIU in 1979 after earning a degree in music education — at his father's request. In fact, most of Craig's family attended EIU, and Craig ended up in education, just like his brother.

While a student at Eastern, Craig met Beth ('82) at his hometown church in Taylorville, Ill. In that instant, Craig and Beth knew that they were meant for each other. Beth, too, planned to earn a degree in education and chose to attend EIU, as well. But Beth was a full three years behind him and while he waited for her to graduate, fate knocked and Craig took a temporary job that changed the course of their lives.

"It (The job) was temporary, and I didn't figure on falling in love with the kids," said Craig, grinning. "So, I never 'escaped' because of the kids."

In fact, neither Craig nor Beth actually ever wanted to escape. Together, they dug in and began working toward a better way to educate countless students, each in different ways — Beth as a kindergarten teacher and Craig as a band director, and later as a film producer and guide to entrepreneurship. As the Lindvahls, began to dig into their careers, one thing is clear, life for them has always been about their "kids."

**For a full story about the Lindvahl's and their impact on students, please read the Winter edition of the Forever EIU magazine.**



## F. University Highlights (Cont.)

### STUDENT/FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

**Klarup Named Interim Dean, College of Sciences.** Douglas Klarup has been named the interim dean of the College of Sciences starting this semester. Since 1995, Klarup has served as an EIU professor of analytical chemistry. He also served as chair of the Department of Chemistry from 2003-2009.

Klarup replaces Mary Anne Hanner, who served as interim dean after Dean Harold Ornes retired on Oct. 31, 2015.

**EIU Student Body President Honored by Lincoln Academy of Illinois.** Shirmeen Ahmad, EIU student body president and senior journalism major, was named as a student laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. The award is presented to senior college students from each of the state's four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities, and one student from the community colleges in Illinois for excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

Ahmad was recognized at annual Student Laureate Convocation on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, at the Old State Capitol in Springfield. For a full story on Ahmad's legacy as student body president, check out this video: <http://www.eiu.edu/eiu360/story.php?id=224051>.

**Dave Closson published book on motivational interviewing for campus police,** Closson, the assistant director of EIU's Illinois Higher Education Center, published a book focused on motivational interviewing in campus police stations. Closson released the book after his experiences using the style of interviewing as an EIU campus police officer. To check out more information about his book, go to [www.miforcampuspolice.com](http://www.miforcampuspolice.com).

### **From the (Charleston/Mattoon) Journal Gazette/Times Courier:**

#### **Professor Collects Suits to be Given to Students – Dec. 12, 2015**

As graduates pour out of EIU, landing a job can become a daunting task. While good grades and experience might get people far, they will likely be shut down if they are not properly dressed for interviews, said Linda Moore, director of career services.

Moore added that proper dress shows that the person is socially aware of the situation and what appropriate clothing to wear. It can be even more difficult when the cost of a suit and other dress attire is not cheap, for the most part.

Scott Stevens, business professor, noticed five years ago that acquiring a suit might be difficult for some. Stevens said he asked a graduating student, Chris Cummins, if he was going to a job fair, to which Cummins replied, "No," because he did not have the right clothing. Stevens said Cummins was not afforded the same opportunity many others were.

The discussion drew on, and Stevens and Cummins figured he could wear his father's suit, but was still without shoes. Stevens then offered his own shoes, a shirt and a tie, while his wife Janice Stevens, career services adviser, offered to iron the suit.

[http://jg-tc.com/lifestyles/professor-collects-suits-to-be-given-to-students/article\\_f22c16d4-dc85-5e4a-ab89-ae5dac6f06c3.html](http://jg-tc.com/lifestyles/professor-collects-suits-to-be-given-to-students/article_f22c16d4-dc85-5e4a-ab89-ae5dac6f06c3.html)

## F. University Highlights (Cont.)

### **Surprise Adds to Emotions for One EIU Graduate- Dec. 20, 2015**

The traditional congratulations and well-wishes of Eastern Illinois University's fall commencement ceremony included some extra emotions for one graduating student.

Whitney Alexander took her turn following others onto the Lantz Arena stage to receive her diploma, but her arrival featured more than the announcement of her name and handshakes with university officials.

Announcer Matt Piescinski had Alexander pause, then told her and the audience why. "Ladies and gentlemen, Whitney's brother, Private First Class Jordan McNeal of the United States Army, is joining us today to celebrate his sister's graduation from Eastern Illinois University and assist in presenting her degree to her," he said.

Alexander, obviously surprised and understandably emotional, then hugged her brother, who took her diploma for her degree in family and consumer science from EIU President David Glassman and handed it to his sister.

The surprise was possible for the Kankakee resident and her family because McNeal was able to get an early leave from his duties in Europe to see his sister become the first member of their family to graduate from college.

[http://jg-tc.com/news/local/surprise-adds-to-emotions-for-eiu-grad/article\\_43a28991-d7fe-5ed0-9d91-6f2aa88818f3.html](http://jg-tc.com/news/local/surprise-adds-to-emotions-for-eiu-grad/article_43a28991-d7fe-5ed0-9d91-6f2aa88818f3.html)

## **Social Media**

**Real Panther Campaign**—Every Friday on social media, EIU features “Real Panthers” on campus. These Panther are students, professors, staff, alumni, and community members who go out of their way to make EIU excellent on a daily basis. They may lend a helping hand to those in need or excel in the classroom, but most importantly, Real Panthers strive to make EIU a better place. Last semester, the Office of Marketing & Creative Services featured 17 of these Real Panthers. The Real Panther Campaign will continue for the spring semester. Look out for Real Panthers every Friday at <https://www.facebook.com/iameiu/>.

## **FOCUS ON ATHLETICS**

**EIU Football Returns to FCS Playoffs.** Eastern Illinois football made its 16<sup>th</sup> FCS playoff appearance this season as the Panthers posted a 7-4 regular season record. The 16 FCS playoff appearances rank sixth all-time in the NCAA for FCS playoff appearances. EIU finished the season ranked No. 23 in the FCS Coaches poll and No. 25 in the STATS FCS Media poll. Senior Dino Fanti was named the OVC Defensive Player of the Year and a first team All-American.

**Tom Akers Inducted Into Illinois Track Hall of Fame.** Long-time Eastern Illinois track and field coach Tom Akers was recently inducted into the Illinois Track Hall of Fame. Akers has been the most successful coach in OVC track history with the Panthers winning a combined 40 indoor and outdoor men's and women's track championships.

## F. University Highlights (Cont.)

**EIU men's and women's basketball will have five national television appearances this season during Ohio Valley Conference play**, with the men hosting four televised games in Lantz Arena. EIU kicked off the five games on Jan. 14 against Eastern Kentucky on the CBS Sports Network. EIU will host Murray State in late February on CBS Sports Net and the Panthers will host Southeast Missouri and Austin Peay on the American Sports Network.

The EIU women's team will play a televised OVC game on the road at UT Martin, airing on the American Sports Network.

**New EIU Panther Logo Mark Wins National Award.** The newly designed EIU Athletic Panther logo was ranked No. 2 in the nation for new sports logos by SportsLogos.net, a nationally recognized website that ranks athletic logos. The logo was unveiled in early October after being designed by national firm Collegiate Licensing Company. The logo was among more than 150 logos that were new this year. EIU's logo ranked ahead of new logos by such well known sports teams as the Atlanta Hawks (NBA), Washington Wizards (NBA), United States Military Academy (College) and Saint Louis University (College).

## **G. Other Matters**

## H. Public Comment