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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EVANS NAMED ASSISTANT VPAA

CHARLESTON -- Charles Evans, executive vice president of the University Center at Tulsa, Okla., has been named assistant vice president for academic affairs at Eastern Illinois University.

Evans, who will begin his new duties Aug. 1, was selected as a result of a nationwide search.

He will be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the university's general education program, directing the freshman and senior seminar programs, responding to student academic concerns and facilitating communication between academic and student affairs units on campus. He will also provide guidance to various university committees dealing with curriculum, general education, assessment, freshman and senior seminars and minority admissions.

The assistant vice president for academic affairs position consolidates the duties of a former assistant VPAA, now the university's director of affirmative action and cultural diversity, and the director of general education and senior seminar who is retiring June 30.

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"My wife, Celia, and I are delighted to be a part of the EIU community. I am looking forward to working with the faculty and students on the important issues concerning undergraduate education," Evans commented.

Evans earned a bachelor's degree in government and history and a doctorate in political science from the University of Oklahoma and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Tennessee.

He began his career in higher education at The State University of New York, where he served in the central administration and as interim vice president for academic affairs at SUNY Plattsburgh. He left The State University of New York for The University of Evansville (Indiana) where he served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and political science professor from 1977-1980. He then joined the administration at Oklahoma State University, where he served for four years as assistant vice president for academic affairs.

From 1984-1986, Evans was associate vice chancellor for educational outreach for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and then went to the University Center at Tulsa where he served for one year as acting director before being named to his current position in 1986.