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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Bob Murray, a native of Mazon, Ill., has been named Dean of Enrollment Management for Illinois Wesleyan University’s Office of Admissions. Murray has served in the position on an acting basis since October 2005.

Murray is a 1978 graduate of M-V-K High School in Mazon, Ill. He received his bachelor’s degree in business administration from IWU in 1982 and began working for the Office of Admissions immediately following graduation. He is currently serving his third term as a member of the Executive Board of the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC), as well as a three-year term as a national delegate to the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Murray will serve as the chief strategist for the admissions staff and focus on the long-term aspects of admissions. His target areas will relate to admissions and financial aid regarding assessment and achievement of specific goals regarding national and international recruitment, diversity, and various marketing initiatives.

Heading up the admissions staff alongside Murray will be Tony Bankston, who was named Dean of Admissions. Bankston has also acted in this position since October of 2005. As Dean of Admissions, Bankston will be the chief operating officer for the Office of Admissions, supervising staff and handling recruitment, admissions decisions and event planning and management for each entering class.

In an announcement to the IWU community about the appointments, University President Richard F. Wilson said the institution is “fortunate to have two people with such extensive admissions knowledge and experience providing leadership for us on a permanent basis.”