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New UIS chancellor chosen

Academic picked despite Ryan's ideas on search

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A North Carolina university administrator has been selected as the new chancellor of the University of Illinois at Springfield.

The State Journal-Register has learned that Richard Ringeisen, vice

chancellor for academic affairs at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., has been chosen to succeed Naomi Lynn, who is retiring.

Ringeisen, 56, is an Indiana native who earned master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics from Michigan State University and a bachelor's degree from Manchester University in North Manchester, Ind.

In his current position, Ringeisen is in charge of all academic matters, including budget and personnel, at the 18,000-student public university.

Before going to ECU in 1996, he was dean of the College of Sciences at Old Dominion University in Norfolk,

Va., and had been head and professor of mathematical sciences at Clemson University in South Carolina.

He was selected as one of four finalists for the top UIS campus administrative position by a search committee that screened about 80 applicants for the post. The search began early last year.

A search a year ago broke down at the last minute when Gov. George Ryan, an ex officio member of the U of I board, wrote a letter urging that the search give serious consideration to non-traditional candidates, or people outside of academia.

Lynn, who had planned to retire last May, then agreed to stay on until

her replacement was ready to take over. Ringeisen is expected to assume his UIS post in April.

A non-traditional candidate was one of the four finalists forwarded to the board, but the ultimate choice was Ringeisen.

The finalists were interviewed by U of I President James Stukel and the board of trustees, who still must take formal action naming him to the position.

An official announcement of the appointment is expected this week.

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Richard Ringeisen