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WESTERN HIRES NEW DEAN OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

St. Joseph, Mo. —Dec. 3, 2004—Dr. Paul Shang has been hired as dean of student development at Missouri Western State College. He was formerly the director of student and enrollment services at Penn State Worthington Scranton of Dunmore, Penn., and had served as director of student affairs there. Dr. Shang has also held director positions in student affairs divisions at Colorado State University and the University of Iowa. He will begin his new position at Western in January.

“Dr. Shang is a nationally recognized scholar-practitioner in the field of student development,” said Dr. David Arnold, vice president of academic and student affairs. “He brings a wealth of experience to the position, and we are pleased he will be joining the academic and student affairs leadership team.”

Western’s dean of student development is responsible for co-curricular and extra-curricular educational programs, and supervises the directors for the offices of residential life, student activities, the center for multicultural education, new student programs, service learning, wellness services, judicial affairs and recreation services.

“I am very excited and honored to become the new dean of student development at Western. I look forward to joining a team of outstanding student affairs colleagues in providing comprehensive services to a motivated and diverse student body,” said Dr. Shang. “Throughout my interview, people reiterated that Western is a very special place. I believe them and I am thrilled to join them.”

Dr. Shang is a past president of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA). He was a member of the editorial board of the ACPA “Journal of College Student Development” for seven years, and is a recipient of the Colorado State University Distinguished Administrative Professional Award.

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Dr. Shang earned a bachelor of arts degree in government and philosophy, and master of arts and doctorate degrees in philosophy from Florida State University, Tallahassee.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.