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NICOSON NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT AT WESTERN

St. Joseph, Mo. — June 1, 2004— Dan Nicoson was appointed vice president for institutional advancement for Missouri Western State College during the May Board of Regents meeting. Nicoson will replace Dr. James Roever who is retiring at the end of June.

“Dan brings to Western clear expertise and extensive experience in the area of development. We look forward to working with him in the best interests of the students, college, community and our region of Missouri,” said Western President James Scanlon.

Nicoson will oversee advancement operations at the college, including development, alumni services, publications, and public relations and marketing. He will serve as a member of the president’s cabinet and as the executive director of the Western Foundation.

“I am very excited to join Western. In almost every conversation about Western, I heard about the commitment to student-centered programming and the commitment to the community. I observed an overall positive spirit and a sincere desire for the programs to be of the highest quality,” explained Nicoson.

Nicoson brings 31 years of experience in advancement to Western. He has been the president of Vincennes University Foundation in Vincennes, Ind. since 1990. Prior to that he was assistant to the president for advancement at Marian College in Indianapolis. Nicoson also served as the director of development at the University of Indianapolis and has taught as an adjunct faculty member for the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy since 1982. He received his baccalaureate degree in secondary

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education from University of Indianapolis and his master's degree in secondary education from Indiana State University. Nicoson is also a Certified Fundraising Executive.

“Dan has an excellent record of accomplishment in development. He knows how to work as part of a team. He knows how to lead a team of professionals in the best interest of the institution he serves. We welcome Dan and his wife Linda to the Western family,” said Dr. Scanlon.

According to Nicoson, his first priority is to “absorb” and learn as much about Western as he can. “I simply want to learn what is great at Western and where I will have something to offer,” he added.

“I have now been in St. Joseph on three occasions, and my wife has been with me twice. Everyone with whom we have visited has made us feel welcome. I look forward to getting involved and being part of the community,” said Nicoson.

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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.