Eastern announces departure of President Stephen Jordan

CHENEY, Wash. - After serving seven years as president of Eastern Washington University, Dr. Stephen M. Jordan today announced he has accepted the presidency at Metropolitan State College of Denver, in Colorado. Dr. Jordan will assume his new post July 1.

“Eastern Washington University is now a very healthy and focused institution,” said Gordon Budke, chair of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees. “It is well positioned to continue its record of strong and consistent success.”

At its April 1 meeting, the Trustees agreed that if Dr. Jordan should accept the Denver position, Brian Levin-Stankevich, Eastern’s current Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, would be named interim president.

Jordan’s tenure at EWU saw record enrollments, a re-energizing of Eastern’s alumni, national recognition of the University as one of the best values in higher education, extended educational opportunities throughout the state, significant campus expansion and a higher profile in athletics.

“What Steve accomplished at Eastern has been remarkable,” Budke said. “But perhaps his most enduring legacy will be the strength of the organization that he is leaving behind. Eastern has become a well-managed, well-run university under his leadership.”

The University is in the final stages of completing an academic strategic plan, a process being led by Dr. Levin-Stankevich and Patricia Chantrill, president of the EWU Faculty Senate “As a collaborative project involving faculty, staff, students and Eastern alumni and friends, our plan will provide a road map for the leadership of this university for the next several years,” Dr. Levin-Stankevich said.

Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich came to Eastern in 1995 as vice provost for Student Affairs. By the time Dr. Jordan came to Eastern in 1998, Dr. Levin-Stankevich had initiated programs and strategies that were pivotal in helping turn the University’s declining enrollments around.
He was named vice president for Student Affairs in 1999. He holds a Ph.D. in Russian history from the State University of New York-Buffalo. He was a Fulbright Scholar to Russia and gained experience and knowledge through working visits to Russia and China. He has taught history at the university level and has published in history and comparative education.

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