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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Tony Bankston has been named Dean of Admissions and Bob Murray has been named Dean of Enrollment Management for Illinois Wesleyan University's Office of Admissions. Bankston and Murray have served in the respective positions on an acting basis since October 2005.

Bankston, a native of Troy, Ill., is a 1987 graduate of Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, Ill., and received his bachelor's degree in English and history from Illinois Wesleyan in 1991, where he also played varsity soccer. He began work with the University as an admissions counselor in 1993 and coached men's and women's soccer at IWU from 1994-1999. 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.

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). Collaborating with Bankston, 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.

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."