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Boyd Gives Up G.C. Position For Senate Run

Gearing up for a run at the United States Senate seat, Dr. Will Boyd of Greenville has given up his job at Greenville College.

Boyd plans to run as an Independent candidate for the Senate. That position is now held by Democrat Roland Burris, but Burris is not seeking election.

In Tuesday's primary election, Alexi Giannoulias was selected as the democratic nominee for the Senate while Republican Mark Kirk received his party's nomination.

Boyd announced this week that he has resigned the position of Dean of Student Success at Greenville College. He said it was done to devote more time to the Senate race.

Boyd served many roles during his five years at Greenville College, including an instructor in the management department, as well as assistant, associate, and then Dean of Student Success.

He will maintain the title of adjunct assistant professor and will serve as class advisor for the 2010 graduating class at both the senior breakfast and ivy cutting ceremony.

A farewell reception is to be announced in the next few days as a search for his successor is underway.

Dr. Boyd serves as a church bishop and senior pastor, and a councilman for the City of Greenville. He said that for years he has actively served in many communities, partnering with ministers and elected officials to put Illinois citizens to work for the ultimate purpose of ensuring the same citizens have access to proper medical care, adequate housing and a quality education.

Boyd is traveling throughout Illinois to present his "Contract for Independence" and "The Boyd Doctrine," both consisting of his views on various issues affecting Illinois citizens.