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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TUITION INCREASE MONIES TO FUND INSTITUTIONAL NEEDS

CHARLESTON, IL.--Anticipating that the General Assembly will appropriate the funds provided by the mid-year tuition increase to Eastern Illinois University's Income Fund early this month, Eastern President Stan Rives has sent a letter to students, faculty and staff outlining how the monies will be used.

"The total amount of funds generated by the \$120 per semester increase effective with the Spring Semester is expected to be \$1,252,600," Rives stated in the letter.

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If, as anticipated, the General Assembly does not appropriate funds to the ISSC (Illinois State Scholarship Commission) to cover the tuition increase, the University will waive the amount of the increase for ISSC scholarship recipients, he said. The cost of these waivers is anticipated to be \$205,600, which reduces the amount of the increase available for allocation to \$1,047,000.

Rives added, "I believe all members of the University community-- particularly students, who are paying the mid-year tuition increase--deserve to know how the University plans to expend the \$1,047,000."

He said \$70,000 will be used to hire additional faculty members in order to meet student demand for courses in the Spring Semester.

Additional allocations include \$160,000 to Booth Library for the purchase of library materials; \$140,000 for the purchase of instructional and student services equipment, including a \$10,000 allocation for improvement of the exterior campus lighting system; and \$127,350 in matching funds for a grant from the National Science Foundation to the Department of Chemistry for purchase of a NMR spectrometer.

A total of \$228,650 must be used to provide funds necessary beyond the amount previously appropriated to meet the cost of faculty-staff salary increases provided in 1988-89; \$175,000 for increasing academic program support funds in the areas of student help, commodities, contractual services, travel and telecommunications; and \$146,000 for deferred maintenance projects, primarily asbestos abatement, roof repair and energy conservation/control projects.

The funds will not be made available for expenditure until the General Assembly has approved the appropriation request, Rives said.