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CHARLESTON, IL--In the wake of passage of a no tax increase budget for higher education in Springfield, President Stanley Rives Wednesday announced a general hiring freeze at Eastern Illinois University.

"We are taking this action," Rives said, "because of the uncertainty of the final 1987-88 appropriation for Eastern Illinois University. We will not know our final appropriation until such time as Governor Thompson signs the appropriation bill, an action we anticipate later in July.

"I am therefore, directing, at this time, that all vacant positions or positions which become vacant not be filled except for faculty positions essential to staff classes. That status will be in effect until more information about the final appropriation is available."

"Vacant positions," said Rives, "may be filled only when a vice president establishes that the position is essential to the operation of the University."

The President indicated that the general hiring freeze applies to all fund sources, both appropriated and non-appropriated. Nearly 80 percent of Eastern's annual operating budget is devoted to personal services.