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For Immediate Release:

EIU TRUSTEES TO VOTE ON DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT FEES

CHARLESTON – In an effort to curb rising college costs, Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees limited an increase in student fees for the 2002-2003 school year to 5 percent.

Now, three months later, trustees are expected to approve the distribution of that 5 percent increase – a total of \$29.20 per student per semester – among nine separate areas.

Recommendations on fee distributions were made by members of Eastern's Student Senate and Student Tuition & Fee Review Committee, who listened to presentations from departments eligible to receive student fee monies. The groups then voted in favor of a distribution as follows: activity fee, \$1.35 (\$32.15 to \$33.50); athletic fee, \$5 (\$56.05 to \$61.05); health service & pharmacy fee, \$2 (\$62 to \$64); recreation center fee, \$3 (\$60 to \$63); union/bond revenue fee, \$4.80 (\$111.45 to \$116.25); computer technology fee, \$4.50 (\$35.50 to \$40); grant-in-aid fee, \$4.90 (\$68.75 to \$73.65); textbook rental fee, \$2.15 (\$93 to \$95.15); and health & accident insurance fee, \$1.50 (\$65 to \$66.50).

These figures need to receive BOT approval before becoming finalized.

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Effective Fall 2002, full-time undergraduates can expect to pay \$692 per semester in student fees. Graduate students can expect to pay \$693 per semester, a total which includes a \$1 graduate student fee.

Part-time undergraduates (those taking less than 12 credit hours) will pay \$52.15 per semester hour, up from \$48.95.

These totals also include a shuttle bus fee (\$10.90, no change from the current year) and the campus improvement fee (\$68, up from \$59 this school year) which was approved by both the Student Senate and BOT earlier in 2001.

The campus improvement fee increase will bring the total fees cost up 5.8 percent, which administrators feel is a move in the right direction. Historically, during each of the past five years, the total increase in student fees has increased an average of 9.2 percent.

In other action, EIU trustees will consider a maintenance contract for all campus passenger elevators, freight elevators, dumb waiters and dock lift elevators; a purchase agreement for food and non-food items to be used in university residence hall dining centers, the Food Court and University Catering operations; and an agreement for all labor and materials needed for the general construction and installation of sprinkler systems in East Hall and Greek Court buildings 1-6.