

1-6-1987

01/06/1987 - Increase Of Operating Budget By Illinois Board of Higher Education

University Marketing and Communications

Follow this and additional works at: http://thekeep.eiu.edu/press_releases_1987

Recommended Citation

University Marketing and Communications, "01/06/1987 - Increase Of Operating Budget By Illinois Board of Higher Education " (1987). 1987. 29.
http://thekeep.eiu.edu/press_releases_1987/29

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Press Releases at The Keep. It has been accepted for inclusion in 1987 by an authorized administrator of The Keep. For more information, please contact tabruns@eiu.edu.



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Charleston, Illinois

January 6, 1987

L/A/M

HARRY READ, Director of Information and Publications (217) 581-5981

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--A 10.9 percent increase of \$4,328,900 was today recommended for Eastern Illinois University's 1987-88 operating budget by the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The increase for Eastern is the highest percentage increase among the state universities, which average 7.9 percent.

If approved by the General Assembly and the Governor, EIU's current operating budget of \$39,873,100 would be increased to \$44,202,000 next year.

"We are very pleased with the recommendation," said Eastern President Stan Rives, "particularly because it recognizes that EIU is the most cost-effective public university in Illinois." It will allow Eastern to make significant progress toward enhancing further the quality of educational programs we make available to Eastern students, Rives said.

"Because a conscious effort has been made at Eastern Illinois University and its average institutional cost remains significantly below the statewide average," said a Board of Higher Education spokesperson, "a positive base (budget) adjustment of \$450,200 is included in the recommendation."

Among the other increases recommended for Eastern are:

\$1,786,600 for increasing faculty and staff salaries by an average of six percent.

\$323,200 for cost increases including a three percent general price increase for non-personnel budgets, a six percent increase for library materials, and other increases for utility, medicare, and computer network costs.

\$1,839,400 for program improvements to be inaugurated in the 1987-88 fiscal year including \$1,315,600 for the undergraduate educational program, \$50,000 for regional economic development, \$252,400 for expanding minority educational

EIU Operating Budget
add 1

opportunity, \$111,400 for improved university-school relationships, and \$110,000 for shared academic computing.

"The BHE budget also includes a recommended four percent tuition increase," said Rives, "but that recommendation must be approved by our Board of Governors before it becomes effective."

The Board of Governors will act on any tuition and student fee increases at its early April meeting.

"It is important to recognize that the BHE budget recommendations must yet be approved by the legislature and the governor," said Rives, who cautioned against assuming that all of the recommended increases will ultimately be provided.

"We think these are good recommendations," said Rives, who praised the work of Chancellor Tom Layzell of the Board of Governors and Executive Director Richard Wagner of the Board of Higher Education in securing the recommendations for Eastern.

"We shall be working hard in the coming months to convince the General Assembly and Governor Thompson that EIU needs the recommended increases to remain competitive," said Rives.

"We start the process, this year," he said, "with the best recommendation for the BHE in my six years at Eastern."