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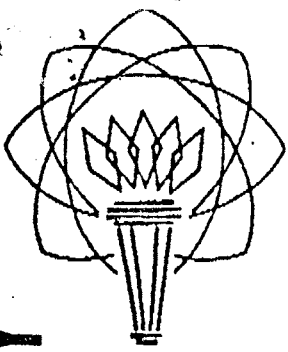
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## NEWS

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### TRUSTEES ADDRESS ACCESS AND BUDGET

Chicago, Illinois--January 19, 1989--Today university trustees reviewed enrollment and budget matters and approved a program to continue to permit specific out-of-state residents to attend Western Illinois University (WIU) at in-state tuition rates.

A comprehensive enrollment report on the five universities was presented by its Chancellor, Thomas D. Layzell, to the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities (BOG) meeting at Chicago State University (CSU).

"The purpose of the report on enrollment is to provide the Board with data to assist in analyzing the issue of access to higher education. Tuition in the BOG System has gone up substantially in the last two years and this has led to increased concerns about the opportunity for Illinois citizens to obtain a college degree at our state universities.

"The data reflect the diversity of the five universities. Overall we have 4.9 percent fewer new freshmen but the range of new freshmen varies significantly between the five universities. This variance is also evident in the changes in the percentage of minority students attending the five universities," said Layzell.

The report indicates that enrollment throughout the five universities in the BOG System has declined 1,396 students or 3.0 percent from fall 1987 to fall 1988. Current enrollment in the System is 44,996 students.

Increases in enrollment occurred at Eastern Illinois University (EIU), Charleston, with 398 additional students or a 3.7 percent increase and at Western Illinois University, Macomb, with 163 additional students or a 1.3 percent increase.

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Decreases in enrollment during this period occurred at: Chicago State University (CSU) with 913 fewer students for a 13 percent decline; Governors State University (GSU), University Park, with 312 fewer students for a 5.8 percent decline and Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, with 732 fewer students for a 6.9 percent decline.

The report provides details on a number of factors including differences in projections made a year ago with actual enrollments and detail relative to student level, sex, ethnic group, first-time status, and full-time/part-time status.

WIU was given authority by the Board to continue to charge residents of specific counties in Missouri and Iowa in-state tuition rates. The Board's action followed review of a report presented by Chancellor Layzell which indicated that the program which has been in operation since 1985 has resulted in retention of quality students at WIU and enhancement of institutional revenues. In addition, no Illinois residents have been denied access to existing academic programs.

The Board approved the recommendation for in-state tuition rates to continue for residents of the following eight counties including Clark, Lewis and Marion in Missouri and Scott, Muscatine, Louisa, Des Moines and Lee in Iowa. Another report will be submitted to the Board by January 1991 to review the program.

The budget recommendations by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) for Fiscal Year 1990 for the BOG System were also reviewed by the Board. More than \$29 million in additional funding over the current budget has been approved by the IBHE for the BOG System. This includes \$8.1 million for new programs and institutional support. For the past two years no new funds have been provided to the universities for these areas. The IBHE budget will now be submitted to the General Assembly and eventually to Governor Thompson for action.