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For Immediate Release:

EIU INTERSESSION STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO ENROLL BY APRIL 28

CHARLESTON – Persons intending to take Summer School classes at Eastern Illinois University – especially those classes taking place during Intersession – should enroll as soon as possible.

University officials plan to take a “hard look” at enrollment numbers, beginning Monday, April 28, to decide which Intersession classes should be cancelled due to low enrollment. Intersession takes place May 19 through June 12.

Summer School's regular eight-week and first four-week sessions are scheduled to begin classes on June 16. Classes for the second four-week session begin July 14.

“Under current budgetary circumstances, we will need to scrutinize the Summer School schedule even more than usual and be prepared to make adjustments as needed,” said William Weber, acting director of Eastern's Summer School. Last week, Eastern was officially notified that it shall reduce the current year's budget by 2.7 percent.

General guidelines will be used in the decision-making process. However, Weber said there were no hard-and-fast rules to go by. While enrollment numbers will be a consideration, officials also need to look at the needs of the students enrolled in a particular class. A certain class, for example, might have a number of seniors enrolled who need the course in order to graduate. Officials plan to do their best to accommodate such situations but cannot make any guarantees, Weber added.

On a more positive note, the director also encouraged students who have put their names on class wait-lists – both for Intersession and regular sessions – to check back often on their status. The university has decided to open up some additional sections of classes where there are a significant number of students on wait-listings.

Reiterating his advice to register early, Weber noted that the Summer 2003 schedule and registration information can be found on-line at <http://www.eiu.edu/schedule/summer/>. Printed copies of the schedule also may be picked up at the Office of Registration, located in room 1125 of McAfee.

Those with questions should contact either their academic advisors or the Office of the Director of Summer School at (217) 581-2023.