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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHICAGO--The Schools of Home Economics and Technology at Eastern Illinois University were combined into a new College of Applied Sciences by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at its meeting here today.

Both Schools will retain their existing names under the administrative alignment requested by President Stanley Rives. The Career Occupations program and military science (ROTC) courses will continue to be administered by the School of Technology.

Rives said that Dr. Barbara Owens, Dean of the School of Home Economics, has been asked to serve as Dean of the new College, and that she has accepted.

The President said the reorganization "will make possible a more efficient administration process" and that "combining the two units is in line with the way other universities have organized these academic areas."

Rives also said he believes the move will lower administrative costs and that the savings can be reallocated to the instructional programs of the new College.

The new alignment will reduce from four to three (Dean, and two Chairpersons/Assistant Deans) the number of administrative positions. Under the previous organization, there were two Deans, an Assistant Dean, and an Assistant to the Dean.

The new organization is effective immediately.

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In a related move, the Board voted to change the names of the four remaining Schools--Business; Education; Fine Arts; Health, Physical Education and Recreation--to Colleges.

Dr. Donald Walters, Executive Officer of the Board, said "the development and maturation of these four Schools in terms of the number of programs offered, majors enrolled and faculty... support this request."

The College of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School will retain their current titles.

In recommending that the Board approve both changes, Walters said they were "in accord with the Board of Higher Education rules and regulations governing the reasonable and moderate extension of existing programs."