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For Immediate Release:

EIU TRUSTEES TO CONSIDER HOUSING RATES FOR 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR

CHARLESTON – Room and board rates for students living in Eastern Illinois University's residence halls may get more expensive during the 2006-2007 school year.

EIU's Board of Trustees will consider an increase in housing rates when they meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday in Eastern's Grand Ballroom, located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The meeting is open to the public.

If the proposed rates are approved, students living in Eastern's residence halls and Greek Court will see increases of \$206 to \$232 per semester (a 7.5 percent increase), depending on the chosen meal plan. Room and board rates would range from \$2,955 per semester for a 7 Plus Meal Option to \$3,330 for the 15 Plus Meal Option.

The four meal plan options each permit students a specified number of dining center meals per week, plus a specified number of "dining dollars" which can be used to buy additional meals in any dining center, make purchases at Eastern's Food Court, Java B & B and Panther Pantry in the University Union or at the university's two residence hall convenience centers, or provide dining center meals to guests (when accompanied by that student).

Students living in University Apartments would also see an increase in the rates they pay. The plan calls for increases of between \$11 and \$12 per month (an approximate 3 percent increase), with rents ranging from \$364 to \$409 a month, depending on the type of apartment being rented (one-bedroom, efficiency or super efficiency).

University officials have said that a portion of the proposed increases would be earmarked for expected increases in both utilities and food costs. The rest of the money would go toward residence hall improvements, including the sprinkler system installation project already in progress.

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The proposed rate increases would not affect those students living in University Court, a university-owned apartment complex offering apartments for sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students. Rates there will remain the same (a range of \$2,210 to \$2,824 per semester).

According to Mark Hudson, director of Housing at Eastern, rental rates for University Court apartments do not include the cost of electricity or water. Leaving rates the same as they are this school year will allow students some financial relief as they deal with anticipated hikes in utilities costs on their own.