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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CAPITAL PROJECTS

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University on Thursday received permission to proceed with a \$5.6 million capital improvement plan for fiscal year 1996.

The Board of Governors Universities trustees approved the plan, plus recommendations for tenure for 28 Eastern faculty, at their meeting in Springfield.

Highlights of the proposed capital improvement projects include completion by August of a \$3.1 million addition to Greek Court, Eastern's on-campus housing complex for fraternities and sororities, and the conversion by next April of 42 acres of undeveloped land east of Greek Court into various sports fields and courts at a cost of \$500,000.

To provide wheelchair access to Thomas and Taylor halls, \$800,000 will be used to install elevators in the dormitories.

Other projects include \$400,000 to improve the energy efficiency of the university's housing facilities, \$150,000 for new roofing and insulation for University Apartments, \$500,000 to repair face brick on the University Union, \$100,000 for repairs to the south steps at Lantz Building and \$110,000 to renovate elevators

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in Lawson Hall to meet accessibility codes.

All projects will be financed by local revenue bonds.

The board also approved \$10,000 in annual upkeep of University House, the official residence of Eastern's president.

The following faculty members were awarded tenure: Olga Abella, English; William Allen, computer and operations management; Peter Andrews, mathematics; Mahmood Butt, secondary education and foundations; Linda Calendrillo, English; Lola Dudley, accountancy and finance; Sidney Dudley, management and marketing; Maryann Dudzinski, special education; John Emmett, physical education; French Fraker, educational psychology and guidance; Norbert Furumo, chemistry; Frank Goldacker, communication disorders and sciences; Noelle Greathouse, elementary and junior high education; Christine Helsel, speech communication; Joan Henn, mathematics; Robert Hillman, library; David W. Hobbs, music; Carl Lorber, library; Judith Lyles, educational psychology and guidance; Stuart Michelson, accountancy and finance; Eleanor Midkiff, psychology; Timothy Mills, accountancy and finance; Karen Nantz, business education and administrative information systems; Cheryl Noll, business education and administrative information systems; Veronica Stephen, elementary and junior high education; Duangrudi Suksang, English; Henry Taitt, elementary and junior high education; and Deborah Wolf, physical education.