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CHARLESTON, IL.--Modest increases in tuition, room and board, and student activity fees were approved for Eastern Illinois University Thursday (April 3) at the Board of Governors April meeting in Springfield. All increases are effective fall semester, 1986.

Tuition will go up \$60 per year for all five BOG universities. EIU lower division (freshmen-sophomores) students will now pay \$1080, upper division students (juniors-seniors) will pay \$1128 and graduate students \$1212.

Room and board rates will increase \$64 to \$2212 yearly while student activity fees will now be \$412.90, a \$19 per year increase.

"We are pleased the increases for next year are minimal, particularly that EIU room and board rates will remain the lowest in the state," said President Stan Rives.

The breakdown for annual student fee increases by category are as follows: \$10 for textbook rental, \$4.80 for union/bond revenue, \$2 for health service/pharmacy, \$1.20 for grants-in-aid and \$1 for student legal services. There was no increase in either the athletic or health insurance fees.

Glenn Williams, vice president for Student Affairs, said, "The total increase in room and board rates is only 3.2%. Besides having the lowest rates in the state, that percentage is still below the national rate of inflation."

The Board approved several bids that relate to residence hall improvements. A \$126,820 bid from Apple Contractors & Erectors, Taylorville, was accepted for removal of asbestos bearing materials from Ford, McKinney, Weller and East Halls.

A \$112,435 bid was approved for Wentz Plumbing & Heating, Effingham, to renovate the hot water piping system in Thomas Hall.

Chittenden and Eastman Company, Burlington, IA received a \$71,094 bid to supply 835 mattresses and 250 box springs for the halls, while Adden Furniture, Lowell, MA will provide over 20 desks and chests at a cost of \$19,020.

Industrial Roofing of Mattoon received two bids, one for \$26,639 to re-roof approximately 6200 square feet of Pemberton Hall and the other for \$20,990 to install fume hoods in the Physical Science Building chemistry laboratory.

Telecommunications International of Denver was hired at \$22,246 to provide assistance in the planning of a campus integrated voice, data and video telecommunications system.

"This is phase two of what we're putting together in order to design and bid on a new telephone system," said Verna Armstrong, vice president for administration and finance.

"No money has been appropriated but we need information as to what systems are available and the cost, and this is what Telecommunications will provide us," she said.