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The review is being headed by Dr. Robert Kindrick, EIU Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and a steering committee of key University personnel.

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EIU wins approval for projects

CHARLESTON, Ill. — Three major capital improvement projects requested by Eastern Illinois University President Stanley G. Rives were approved Monday by the Illinois Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities.

Included on Rives' wish list were a student recreational facility, a fraternity/sorority housing court and a 130-space addition to an existing parking lot.

Board approval represents only a first step toward realization of the projects. The requests now go to the Board of Higher Education for its approval. Architectural/engineering services, construction contracts or purchases will be requested separately by EIU.

The recreational facility is estimated to cost about \$7 million and would be financed by the sale of revenue bonds to be repaid by student fees. If the fee increase is approved by student referendum, which must also be approved by the board, construction could begin

next July with occupancy in January of 1990.

The fraternity/sorority housing court would provide on-campus housing for Greek organizations in eight units accommodating 35 to 50 students in each. Plans call for the court to be expanded up to 20 units if interest is there. The project calls for \$2.5 million financed by revenue bonds to be repaid from proceeds of revenue bond operations.

A \$65,000 addition to the South Fourth Street lot will be financed through the parking fund reserve derived from fees paid by staff and faculty.

In other action Monday, the board gave its approval to university plans to demolish two houses owned by EIU. Both have been used as temporary studios by the Art Department faculty and are old and in disrepair. The vacated space will be adapted for additional parking.

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