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CHARLESTON, IL--Purchase of an IBM 4381 P02 Processor for Eastern Illinois University was approved by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities (BOG) Thursday at its meeting in Chicago.

In requesting the new unit, President Stanley Rives told Board members that "the existing model no longer provides adequate processing capacity to meet the demands of the academic and administrative uses of the computing facility."

Cost of the new equipment is \$511,685. The supplier is IBM Corporation of Terre Haute, Ind.

Use of the new unit, officials said, will provide sufficient capacity to allow terminals to be added to the network, to allow for the testing and implementation of common software based payroll-personnel-position control (PPP) system, and to meet growing usage requirements of students.

Continued use of the current equipment, according to Dave Henard, Director of Computer Services, would require that hours of operation be extended to a third shift on weekdays with associated cost increases. Also, monthly maintenance costs on the new processor will be substantially less than for the model now in use.

Installation of the new unit is expected to be completed in January.