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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BOG APPROVES EXPANSION OF 28 PROGRAMS AT EASTERN

CHARLESTON, IL--The Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities has approved expansion of 28 degree programs and options at Eastern Illinois University if funds become available.

The Board also approved 23 other degree programs/options at the other four universities: Chicago State University, Governors State University, Northeastern Illinois University and Western Illinois University.

"We are pleased that the Board of Governors has recognized the need for additional resources for Eastern to serve our students," said Robert L. Kindrick, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at EIU.

"Some of the resources will undoubtedly have to come through reallocation. In other instances, we will certainly need help from the General Assembly. These designations illustrate the excellent work our faculty are doing in serving students."

Those bachelor's degree programs being expanded at EIU are accounting, art (with a graphic design option), BOG degree, career occupations, economics, educational administration (supervision option), elementary education (with options in comprehensive education, early childhood education and intermediate education), English, English with teacher certification, finance, health studies (community health option), home economics (home economics in business option), journalism, junior high school education, management, marketing, mathematics, physical education (athletic training option), recreational administration (therapeutic recreation option), sociology, special education (early childhood handicapped option), speech communication and speech pathology and audiology towards teacher certification.

Master's degree programs being expanded include educational administration and supervision option, elementary education and in guidance and counseling along with a specialist degree in school psychology.

Six bachelor's programs and one master's program at Eastern are being eliminated because of a similar degree or option has been approved at a higher level.

He added, "The programs the universities have targeted as needing improvement are quality programs. However, problems such as low enrollment, high costs and the need for curriculum revision must be addressed. The Board will be monitoring those program changes over the next year."

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Those programs are business education (with options in a second teaching field and comprehensive business education), career occupations (teacher certification option), physics (management option), psychology (general applied and scientific options) and a master's degree in psychology (school psychology option).