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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BOARD TO CONSIDER FEE CHANGES

CHARLESTON, IL--A new Student Recreation Center fee of \$55 per semester and an increase in other student fees of 4.7 percent at Eastern Illinois University will be considered by the Board of Governors next week.

Eastern President Stan Rives will recommend changes in residence hall room and board rates, University Apartment and University Court rental rates, and mandatory student fees for 1991-92 when the Board meets in Springfield on Thursday, April 4. Each of the recommended changes has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate student-faculty committee and by the administration.

The \$120 per academic year increase for room and board requested for next year is also 4.7 percent. "We have made a serious effort," said President Rives, "to keep existing student fee and residence hall increases less than the current 5 percent rate of inflation."

No increases are recommended in the student activity, athletic, textbook rental and health service/pharmacy fees. Semester fees recommended for increases include \$6 for health insurance, \$1.25 for grant-in-aid, \$5.50 for the University Union, and \$55 for the new Recreation Center fee.

This new recreation fee is a result of Eastern students passing a referendum which approved construction of the Student Recreation Center to be supported by a student fee of not more than \$60 per semester, effective the semester the facility is available for occupancy. The Center will be completed for occupancy in the Fall Semester of 1991. The fee supports the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility.

For the typical Eastern student living in a residence hall, the total increase for room, board, and student fees next year would be 8.2 percent, or \$3,371.70 for 1991-92 as against \$3,116.20 in 1990-91. The Recreation Center fee accounts for 3.5 percent of this total 8.2 percent increase.

Rives said total student fees at Eastern Illinois University should not be compared with those at other Illinois public universities without consideration of the Textbook Rental System at Eastern. An Eastern student pays \$62 per semester to be supplied basic textbooks for all courses, a cost conservatively estimated at \$200-\$250 per semester if the student were required to purchase textbooks.

Eastern is also notifying the Board that the annual parking fee for students and staff will increase from \$30 per year in 1990-91 to \$35 per year in 1991-92. The increase, Rives said, is necessary to maintain and expand parking lots at the University.

The Board is expected to consider a possible tuition increase for 1991-92 at its May 16 meeting in Springfield. The Illinois Board of Higher Education has recommended a 5 percent tuition increase for next year, but governing boards must approve this recommendation.

Rives will also ask the Board to defer the administrative leave for Marion L. Zane until a new Vice President for Business Affairs is employed. The Board had previously approved an administrative leave for Zane for the period March 1 through August 31, 1991. Since that time, Zane was appointed to serve as Acting Vice President for Business Affairs.

The Board will also consider a six-month administrative leave for Dan Thornburgh, Director of Centennial and Special Events. Thornburgh would begin his leave in March of 1992 and retire after the leave.

Board of Governors trustees are also requested to approve repairing of five existing parking lots. The project will include lots at South Stevenson Hall, South Johnson Street, Taylor Hall, East Buzzard Building, and Blair Hall. Low bidder for the \$105,000 project, to be paid by parking fee income funds, is NE-Co Asphalt Company of Charleston.