

NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM R. Scott Ralls, Ph.D. President

June 21, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents

Chief Business Officers

FROM: Jennifer Haygood, Vice President for Business and Finance and

Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: 2013-14 Tuition and Continuing Education Fee Rates

The memo is provided to notify colleges of 2013-14 tuition and registration fee rates.

Curriculum Tuition

G.S. 115D-5 states that "[t]he State Board shall have authority with respect to individual institutions... to establish and regulate student tuition and fees within policies for tuition and fees established by the General Assembly." Also, G.S. 115D-39 states that "[t]he State Board of Community Colleges shall fix and regulate all tuition and fees charged to students for applying to or attending any institution pursuant to this Chapter." Through the legislative budget process, the General Assembly has debated a tuition increase as a means to offset reduced General Fund appropriations available to support community college operations. While a final budget has not yet been enacted into law, both Senate and House versions of the budget (S402) are in agreement with proposing a curriculum tuition increase of \$2.50 per credit hour for resident and non-residents students.

Consistent with G.S. 115D-5, G.S. 115D-39, and actions taken by the General Assembly in S402, the Finance Committee, as authorized by the State Board, voted on June 20, 2013, to set curriculum tuition charged to students for the 2013-14 academic year at the following levels:

Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$69.00 to \$71.50; up to a maximum per semester of \$1,144, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

Non-Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$261.00 to **\$263.50**; up to a maximum per semester of **\$4,216**, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

The State Board will ratify this action at their regular July meeting. Colleges are authorized to begin charging the above rates for the Fall 2013 term as of July 1, 2013.

Continuing Education Registration Fees

Additionally, both the Senate and House versions of the budget include a continuing education registration fee increase of \$5 per course. Therefore, the Finance Committee, as authorized by the State Board, voted on June 20, 2013, to set registration fees for continuing education occupational extension courses that begin on or after August 15, 2013. Fees continue to be based on the course length, consistent with the following schedule:

Course Length	Registration Fee
0-24 Hours	\$70
25-50 Hours	\$125
50+ Hours	\$180

If you have any questions, please contact me at haygoodj@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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