



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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MEMORANDUM

**TO: Presidents
Chief Business Officers**

**FROM: Jennifer Haygood, Vice President for Business and Finance and
Chief Financial Officer**

SUBJECT: 2014-15 Tuition and Continuing Education Fee Rates

The memo is provided to notify colleges of 2014-15 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, conversations with House and Senate budget conferees suggest that the \$0.50 per credit hour tuition increase proposed in the 7th edition of Senate Bill 744 will likely be included in the final budget. Further, it is unclear when a final budget will be enacted.

Given colleges’ urgent need to proceed with fall semester student registration and to avoid costly supplemental tuition increase billings, the Finance Committee, as authorized by the State Board, voted on July 11, 2014, to set curriculum tuition charged to students for the 2014-15 academic year at the following levels:

Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$71.50 to **\$72.00**; up to a maximum per semester of **\$1,152**, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

Non-Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$263.50 to **\$264.00**; up to a maximum per semester of **\$4,224**, 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 2014 retroactive back to July 1, 2014. If the General Assembly adjourns without the enactment of legislation directing this tuition increase, this action will be null and void and all students who have paid the increased rate will receive a refund for \$0.50 per credit hour up to \$8 for the semester.

Continuing Education Registration Fees

Additionally, there is no change to continuing education registration fee rates. 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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