

NUMBERED MEMO CC24-044

TO: Members of the State Board of Community Colleges, Chairs of the Community College Boards of Trustees, Community College Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Admissions Officers, Basic Skills Directors, Business Officers, Continuing Education Officers, Customized Training Directors, Chief Financial Officers, Financial Aid Officers, Personnel Directors, Student Development Administrators, Public Information Officers, Registrars, & Other Interested Parties

FROM: Jonnell Carpenter, *NCCCS General Counsel*

SUBJECT: Amendment to 1E SBCCC 700.2 – Student Activity Fees

DATE: September 24, 2024

On September 20, 2024, the State Board of Community Colleges voted to amend the State Board Code, **1E SBCCC 700.2 – Student Activity Fees**. This amendment will increase the cap on student activity fees and link future hikes to the Consumer Price Index.

The amendment will be effective October 1, 2024. At that time, the new rule will be published in the North Carolina Community College System’s website, [State Board Code - NCCCS \(ncccommunitycolleges.edu\)](https://www.ncccommunitycolleges.edu). For your convenience, a copy of the Code in its final form is attached to this memorandum.

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State Board of Community Colleges Code
TITLE 1. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CHAPTER E. STUDENT TUITION AND FEES

SUBCHAPTER 700. LOCAL FEES

1E SBCCC 700.2 Student Activity Fees

- (a) Student Activity Fee Rates. The local board of trustees is authorized to establish a fee charged to students to support student activities. The student activity fee shall not exceed \$50 per academic term which will be indexed annually based on the unadjusted 12-month ended December Consumer Price Index percent change for all items each year. Student activity fees shall not be charged to individuals who participate only in meetings or seminars organized by the college. For the purposes of this Subchapter, "meeting or seminar" means a group of people gathered on a one-time basis primarily for discussion under the direction of a leader or resource person(s).
- (b) Use of Student Activity Fee Receipts: Colleges shall use student activity fee receipts to support the cost of providing student activities, excluding those activities listed in sub-subsection (3) below.
- (1) Permissible Activities: For the purposes of this section, "student activity" means an activity that is provided primarily for the benefit of students and whose participants are primarily students, excluding instruction for which students pay tuition and registration fees. Examples of student activities include the following:
- (A) student centers;
 - (B) student government associations;
 - (C) student clubs;
 - (D) student enrichment and student social activities;
 - (E) student identification cards;
 - (F) student athletics;
 - (G) student health services; and

- (H) student accident insurance
- (2) Permissible expenses: In support of student activities, the college may use student activity fee receipts to support the following types of expenses:
- (A) College personnel directly providing student activities, such as student government association staff, student activity coordinators, coaches, club sponsors, or club advisors;
 - (B) Stipends or scholarships to students who serve as officers of student organizations;
 - (C) Employee and student travel to student activities held at off-campus locations;
 - (D) Other purchased goods or services needed to conduct the student activity;
 - (E) Equipment, including vehicles, used directly for student activities;
 - (F) Capital improvement projects constructed for student activities, such as student centers, student lounges, and athletic facilities. If a capital improvement project serves multiple purposes, student activity fee receipts may be used to support capital expenditures in proportion to the square footage of the project dedicated to student activities.
- (3) Impermissible expenses: Colleges shall not use student activity fee receipts to support personnel and other operating costs related to college employees having positions that are the fiscal responsibility of the State or local governments and do not directly support student activities, including, but not limited to, academic advisors, counselors, recruiters, admissions staff, and security personnel. Colleges shall not use student activity fee receipts for capital improvements projects constructed for purposes other than student activities.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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