

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Tuition Increase in Effect for 2010-11 Academic Year

**Action Requested**

The State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve the implementation of curriculum tuition increases for the 2010-11 academic year at rates approved by the General Assembly in S897 – Appropriations Act of 2010. These rates are effective for the 2010 Fall Term.

**Background**

G.S. 115D-5 states that “The 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 “The 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. Through S897, the General Assembly enacted a curriculum tuition increase of \$6.50 per credit hour for resident students and \$7.20 per credit hour for non-residents.

**State Board Action**

Consistent with G.S. 115D-5, G.S. 115D-39, and actions taken by the General Assembly in S897 – Appropriations Act of 2010, the State Board of Community Colleges hereby fixes tuition charged to students for the 2010-11 academic year:

**Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$50.00 to \$56.50; up to a maximum per semester of \$904, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.**

**Non-Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$241.30 to \$248.50; up to a maximum per semester of \$3,976, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.**

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