

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Tuition Increase in Effect for 2011-12 Academic Year

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve the implementation of curriculum tuition increases for the 2011-12 academic year at rates approved by the General Assembly in H200 (S.L. 2011-145) – Appropriations Act of 2011. These rates are effective for the 2011 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 H200 (S.L. 2011-145), the General Assembly enacted a curriculum tuition increase of \$10 per credit hour for resident and non-residents students.

State Board Action: Consistent with G.S. 115D-5, G.S. 115D-39, and actions taken by the General Assembly in H200 (S.L. 2011-145) – Appropriations Act of 2011, the State Board of Community Colleges hereby fixes tuition charged to students for the 2011-12 academic year:

Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$56.50 to \$66.50; up to a maximum per semester of \$1,064, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

Non-Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$248.50 to \$258.50; up to a maximum per semester of \$4,136, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

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