STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Tuition Increase in Effect for 2016-2017 Academic Year

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve the implementation of curriculum tuition increases for the 2015-16 academic year at rates approved by the General Assembly in S.L. 2015-241 (H97) – Appropriations Act of 2015. **These rates are effective Spring 2016 Term.**

Background: G.S. 115D-5(a) 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(a) 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 debated a tuition increase as a means to offset reduced General Fund appropriations available to support community college operations. Through S.L. 2015-241 (H97), the General Assembly enacted a curriculum tuition increase of $4.00 per credit hour for resident and non-resident students effective Spring 2016.

State Board Action: Consistent with G.S. 115D-5, G.S. 115D-39, and actions taken by the General Assembly in H200 S.L. 2015-241 (H97) – Appropriations Act of 2015, the State Board of Community Colleges hereby fixes tuition charged to students effective Spring 2016 Term:

- **Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from $72.00 to $76.00; up to a maximum per semester of $1,216, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.**

- **Non-Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from $264.00 to $268.00; up to a maximum per semester of $4,288, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.**

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