



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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President

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MEMORANDUM

**TO: Presidents
Chief Business Officers**

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

SUBJECT: 2012-13 Tuition Rates

The memo is provided to notify colleges of 2012-13 tuition and fee rates. 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. Through H200 (S.L. 2011-145), the General Assembly enacted a curriculum tuition increase of \$2.50 per credit hour for resident and non-residents students for the 2012-13 academic year.

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 voted on May 18, 2012, to set curriculum tuition charged to students for the 2012-13 academic year at the following levels:

Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$66.50 to **\$69.00**; up to a maximum per semester of **\$1,104**, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

Non-Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$258.50 to **\$261.00**; up to a maximum per semester of **\$4,176**, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

Colleges are authorized to begin charging the above rates for the Fall 2012 term as of July 1, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact me at haygoodj@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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