

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Tuition Increase in Effect for 2013-2014 Academic Year**

Action Requested: The State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve the implementation of curriculum tuition increases for the 2013-14 academic year at rates pending approval by the General Assembly in Senate Bill 402 – Session 2013. When approved, these rates will be effective for the 2013 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 “(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. According to Senate Bill 402 – Session 2013, the Senate and House are in agreement with proposing a curriculum tuition increase of \$2.50 per credit hour for resident and non-residents students.

State Board Action: Consistent with G.S. 115D-5, G.S. 115D-39, and contingent upon final General Assembly approval of Senate Bill 402 – Session 2013, the State Board of Community Colleges hereby fixes tuition charged to students for the 2013-14 academic year:

Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$69.00 to \$71.50; up to a maximum per semester of \$1,144, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

Non-Residents: The per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$261.00 to \$263.50; up to a maximum per semester of \$4,216, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

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