

3. Adjustments to 2016-17 Tuition and Fees (Excluding New Debt Service Fees) ... Andrea Poole

Situation: Adjustments are recommended to the 2016-17 tuition and fee rates previously approved by the Board of Governors.

Background: G.S. 116-143 requires that the Board of Governors fix the tuition and fees, not inconsistent with the actions of the General Assembly, at the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina. The Board approved tuition and fees for 2015-16 and 2016-17 on February 27, 2015 based on the *Four-Year Tuition and Fees Plan* (approved in August 2014). Adjustments to the 2016-17 rates include school-based tuition for new programs approved by the Board after February 2015, changes to existing debt service fees, and other technical adjustments. The establishment of debt service fees to support new capital projects will be considered at a future meeting.

Assessment: Campuses followed guidelines set forth in the *Four-Year Plan*. All campuses have complied with the Plan requirement that combined tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduates remain in the bottom quarter of each institution's public peers.

Action: This item requires a vote.

Adjustments to 2016-17 Tuition and Fees (excluding new debt service fees)

The following RESOLUTION for the 2016-17 academic year reflects changes proposed by the campuses to the 2016-17 tuition and fees established by the Board of Governors on February 27, 2015. The tuition and fee policy of the Board of Governors provides a framework for the Board to use in reviewing and approving increases in tuition and fees on an annual basis. The Chancellors and their Boards of Trustees requested tuition and fee rate changes consistent with the policy, as well as the Four-Year Tuition and Fees Plan, approved in August 2014.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TUITION AND FEES

WHEREAS, G.S. 116-143 requires that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina shall fix the tuition and fees, not inconsistent with the actions of the General Assembly, at the constituent institutions of the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, effective with the Fall Term of 2016 and notwithstanding the resolution on February 27, 2015, the constituent institutions are authorized to charge and collect the following tuition and fee rates.

I. Changes to 2016-17 Tuition Rates

In accordance with the tuition and fees plan, the Board of Governors approved tuition and fee proposals for two years (2015-16 and 2016-17) on February 27, 2015. There are four adjustments for 2016-17 that have been submitted by the campuses and require BOG approval.

A. Increases in Tuition for Professional Schools

UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC Wilmington are proposing professional school tuition for programs established after February 2015, effective for 2016-17. UNC Charlotte is requesting a technical adjustment to a previously approved school-based tuition increase.

UNC-Chapel Hill

School of Education

MA in Educational Innovation, Technology, and
Entrepreneurship

\$8,000 for all students in 2016-17

UNC-CH requests an increase of \$8,000 in 2016-17 for graduate students in the MA EITE program, approved by the Board of Governors on May 22, 2015. The revenue would allow the School of Education to create a nationally competitive program and to provide graduates with the skills, mentorship, and advising necessary to become effective educational innovators. Funds would be used for a full-time program director, a part-time program coordinator, operating expenses, such as web site development, initial advertising costs, and an internship fair. Additionally, 10% of funds would be reserved for financial aid for students with economic need.

UNC Wilmington

College of Health & Human Services

Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP)

\$1,340 for all students in 2016-17

UNCW requests an increase of \$1,340 in 2016-17 for graduate students in the DNP program, approved by the Board of Governors on October 30, 2015. The revenue would primarily support a portion of a full-time instructional designer. This position will assist the faculty with the development and presentation of online content that meets best practices for online instruction and ensures compliance to federal standards.

UNC Charlotte

Belk College of Business

Applied Econometrics Certificate

\$6,000 for all students in 2016-17

UNCC requests authority to extend the previously approved MS in Economics school-based tuition increase to students in the Graduate Certificate in Applied Econometrics. This is a new program that began in Fall 2015. It is estimated to enroll five students annually for a total of 25 students over the next five years.

B. Increases in Regular Tuition Rates

Elizabeth City State University

ECSU is requesting a decrease in undergraduate tuition of \$160.94 and an increase to three fees totaling \$160.94 (see pages 4-5 for fee requests). The enrollment decline at Elizabeth City State University has intensified the need for additional funding in the fee-supported auxiliary service areas. Therefore, in an effort to direct funding towards the most critical needs without further burdening students, a net-zero change is proposed.

II. Changes to 2016-17 Fee Rates

NOTE: Any debt service fees for new capital projects will be considered at a future Board of Governors meeting.

In accordance with the tuition and fees plan, the Board of Governors approved tuition and fee proposals for two years (2015-16 and 2016-17) on February 27, 2015. Following are the adjustments for 2016-17 that have been submitted by the campuses and require BOG approval.

A. Athletics Fees

Athletics Fee revenues provide funds for intercollegiate athletic programs and for the maintenance and operation of athletic facilities. One campus is requesting an increase.

Elizabeth City State University

ECSU is requesting an increase of \$95.23 for the Athletics Fee, for a total fee of \$799.00. The purpose of this increase is to help with the historic deficit in the athletics operating budget. ECSU eliminated the baseball program in 2014-15 and now has ten sports, the minimum required to compete in the CIAA Conference and remain a Division II university. ECSU will continue its "bare minimum" spending pattern until stabilization is achieved through increases in external revenue sources (sponsors, donations, gate receipts).

B. Student Activities Fees

Student Activities Fees provide funds for nonacademic student services and for the maintenance and operation of facilities used in conjunction with those services. Included are funds to operate student unions and intramural facilities, and provide for student organizations, newspapers, yearbooks, and entertainment programs. One campus is requesting an increase.

Elizabeth City State University

ECSU is requesting an increase of \$55.02, for a total fee of \$688.81. Due to a decline in enrollment and associated fee revenue, the campus has had to reduce services to students. For example, the Student Center hours have been reduced and student facilities (bowling center, gym, etc.) have not been properly maintained due to a lack of funds. The proposed increase would allow ECSU to continue to provide a baseline level of service to students.

C. Education and Technology Fees

Educational and Technology Fees were instituted as a result of the study of student fees conducted by the Board of Governors in 1992-93 and adopted in May 1993. The fees provide for specialized instructional supplies and services and for scientific and information technology equipment not provided by state funds. One campus is requesting an increase.

Elizabeth City State University

ECSU is requesting an increase of \$10.69, for a total fee of \$320.00. Funds would be used to improve the network and data center infrastructure and increase the technical support for the campus by training student workers as desktop/printer support technicians.

D. Indebtedness Fees

Under the policy for the establishment of fees adopted by the Board of Governors in 1993 and revised in 2003, fees for the retirement of indebtedness are approved at the time a project is approved and established at the time that debt is incurred. Indebtedness fees, once established, remain in effect until the debt is retired. Two institutions are requesting the elimination of a current debt service fee and one institution is requesting an adjustment to an existing fee. *Debt services fees for new projects will be considered at a future Board of Governors meeting.*

Fayetteville State University

FSU is requesting an increase of \$10 to the debt service fee for the Rudolph Jones Student Center Expansion/Renovation. The increase is needed due to the projected enrollment over the life of the bond being insufficient to meet the required payments. The new fee will be \$335.

North Carolina State University

NCSU plans to eliminate the debt service fee of \$45 associated with the Carmichael Gym Expansion, as the debt has been retired.

UNC School of the Arts

UNCSA plans to eliminate the \$200 debt service fee associated with Hanes Commons, as the debt has been retired.

E. Special Fees

Special Fees provide funds for specific needs that are not financed from other revenue sources. Except for the fees for administrative computing (charged to all students), special fees are charged only to students that participate in programs or activities financed from those fees. These are programs that have specialized instructional needs, e.g., programs in health affairs, law, business, engineering, and architecture. These needs are expensive and occur in curricula where students must obtain a "competitive edge" to acquire highly desirable jobs upon graduation. Two institutions are requesting new special fees.

UNC Wilmington

UNCW is requesting a residency fee of \$750 associated with the new Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree program. This fee would support the residential experience required for students in the DNP program. While primary instruction for this program will occur in an online environment,

students are required to travel to the UNC Wilmington campus once per year for a residential experience led by program faculty. The revenue would cover lodging and meals during the residential experience.

NC School of Science and Mathematics

Per G.S.116-143(e), NCSSM may impose fees to students participating in extracurricular enrichment programs sponsored by the school. These fees are charged to middle and high school students for non-curricular special summer programs and are not charged to students enrolled in NCSSM. The fees below are requested:

Program	Residential	Day-Only Option
Early Accelerator Courses (7 th , 8 th , and 9 th Grades)	\$1,495	\$1,320
Accelerator Courses (10 th , 11 th , and 12 th Grades)	\$1,925	\$1,750

F. Application Fees

Application fees are charged to individuals submitting applications for admission as students to the University to offset the cost of handling applications and to provide funds for recruiting students. Increases are requested at two institutions.

NC Central University

NCCU is requesting an increase of \$10 to the undergraduate application fee, for a total fee of \$40.

UNC Asheville

UNCA is requesting an increase of \$15 to the undergraduate application fee, for a total fee of \$75.

The attached summary spreadsheets provide an overview of the tuition and fee increases as proposed for undergraduate resident and nonresident students effective for the 2016-17 academic year, *excluding the proposed changes for new debt service fees.*

**Proposed 2016-17 Tuition and Fees Applicable to All Regular Full-Time Undergraduate Students
(does not include fees for new debt service projects)**

Campus	Tuition		General Fees						Debt Service Fee	Total Fees	Total Resident Tuition and Fees	Total Nonresident Tuition and Fees
	Resident	Nonresident	Athletics	Health Services	Student Activities	Educational & Tech.	Campus Security	Total General Fees				
ASU	4,159.00	18,675.00	738.00	294.00	645.00	546.00	30.00	2,253.00	579.00	2,832.00	6,991.00	21,507.00
ECU	4,365.00	20,323.00	696.00	255.00	599.00	382.00	30.00	1,962.00	510.00	2,472.00	6,837.00	22,795.00
ECSU	2,800.00	15,771.18	799.00	250.27	688.81	320.00	30.00	2,088.08	-	2,088.08	4,888.08	17,859.26
FSU	2,922.76	14,531.00	668.00	201.00	543.00	360.00	30.00	1,802.00	335.00	2,137.00	5,059.76	16,668.00
NCA&T	3,470.00	16,230.00	808.00	333.50	630.50	405.17	30.00	2,207.17	588.00	2,795.17	6,265.17	19,025.17
NCCU	3,655.00	16,113.00	748.88	242.66	476.40	428.15	30.00	1,926.09	220.00	2,146.09	5,801.09	18,259.09
NCSU	6,407.00	23,926.00	232.00	372.00	646.18	439.28	30.00	1,719.46	479.50	2,198.96	8,605.96	26,124.96
UNCA	4,041.00	20,436.00	806.00	356.00	742.00	473.00	30.00	2,407.00	251.00	2,658.00	6,699.00	23,094.00
UNC-CH	6,881.00	31,963.00	279.00	370.00	375.45	444.86	30.00	1,499.31	185.85	1,685.16	8,566.16	33,648.16
UNCC	3,737.00	16,908.00	802.00	229.00	592.00	552.00	30.00	2,205.00	685.00	2,890.00	6,627.00	19,798.00
UNCG	4,335.00	19,197.00	717.00	284.00	477.00	420.00	30.00	1,928.00	707.00	2,635.00	6,970.00	21,832.00
UNCP	3,531.00	14,475.00	705.00	170.00	649.40	402.77	30.00	1,957.17	247.00	2,204.17	5,735.17	16,679.17
UNCW	4,355.50	18,324.51	724.55	190.50	685.15	492.96	30.00	2,123.16	381.00	2,504.16	6,859.66	20,828.67
UNCSA	6,370.00	21,840.00	-	857.00	733.00	665.00	30.00	2,285.00	-	2,285.00	8,655.00	24,125.00
WCU	3,893.00	14,286.00	730.00	296.00	572.00	544.00	30.00	2,172.00	523.00	2,695.00	6,588.00	16,981.00
WSSU	3,335.00	13,446.00	694.00	247.00	530.70	416.46	30.00	1,918.16	460.00	2,378.16	5,713.16	15,824.16

In addition to the fees above, the Board also authorized a \$1 ASG fee which is not included in the total fees amount.

For ECU, the \$510 debt service fee includes \$142 for the last year of the phase-in for the two student centers, previously approved in 2014. For NCA&T, the \$588 debt service fee includes \$200 for the last year of the phase-in of the student union, previously approved in 2013.

**Proposed 2016-17 Tuition and Fees Applicable to All Regular Full-Time Graduate Students
(does not include fees for new debt service projects)**

Campus	Tuition		General Fees						Debt Service Fee	Total Fees	Total Resident Tuition and Fees	Total Nonresident Tuition and Fees
	Resident	Nonresident	Athletics	Health Services	Student Activities	Educational & Tech.	Campus Security	Total General Fees				
ASU	4,744.00	17,913.00	738.00	294.00	645.00	546.00	30.00	2,253.00	579.00	2,832.00	7,576.00	20,745.00
ECU	4,656.00	17,547.00	696.00	255.00	599.00	382.00	30.00	1,962.00	510.00	2,472.00	7,128.00	20,019.00
ECSU	3,375.43	16,437.13	799.00	250.27	688.81	320.00	30.00	2,088.08	-	2,088.08	5,463.51	18,525.21
FSU	3,370.56	14,219.00	668.00	201.00	543.00	360.00	30.00	1,802.00	335.00	2,137.00	5,507.56	16,356.00
NCA&T	4,545.00	16,950.00	808.00	333.50	630.50	405.17	30.00	2,207.17	588.00	2,795.17	7,340.17	19,745.17
NCCU	4,647.00	17,347.00	748.88	242.66	426.80	428.15	30.00	1,876.49	220.00	2,096.49	6,743.49	19,443.49
NCSU	8,088.00	22,610.00	232.00	372.00	646.18	439.28	30.00	1,719.46	479.50	2,198.96	10,286.96	24,808.96
UNCA	4,818.00	20,820.00	806.00	356.00	742.00	473.00	30.00	2,407.00	251.00	2,658.00	7,476.00	23,478.00
UNC-CH	9,643.00	26,854.00	279.00	370.00	363.47	444.86	30.00	1,487.33	185.85	1,673.18	11,316.18	28,527.18
UNCC	4,252.00	17,423.00	802.00	229.00	592.00	552.00	30.00	2,205.00	685.00	2,890.00	7,142.00	20,313.00
UNCG	5,117.00	18,566.00	717.00	284.00	477.00	420.00	30.00	1,928.00	707.00	2,635.00	7,752.00	21,201.00
UNCP	3,639.00	13,896.00	705.00	170.00	649.40	402.77	30.00	1,957.17	247.00	2,204.17	5,843.17	16,100.17
UNCW	4,448.23	16,667.18	724.55	190.50	685.15	492.96	30.00	2,123.16	381.00	2,504.16	6,952.39	19,171.34
UNCSA	7,996.00	21,403.00	-	857.00	733.00	665.00	30.00	2,285.00	-	2,285.00	10,281.00	23,688.00
WCU	4,348.00	14,755.00	730.00	296.00	572.00	544.00	30.00	2,172.00	523.00	2,695.00	7,043.00	17,450.00
WSSU	3,796.00	13,713.00	694.00	247.00	530.70	416.46	30.00	1,918.16	460.00	2,378.16	6,174.16	16,091.16

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