

NUMBERED MEMO CC24-034

TO: Members of the State Board of Community Colleges, Chairs of the Community College Boards of Trustees, Community College Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Admissions Officers, Basic Skills Directors, Business Officers, Continuing Education Officers, Customized Training Directors, Chief Financial Officers, Financial Aid Officers, personnel Directors, Student Development Administrators, Public Information Officers, Registrars, & Other Interested Parties.

FROM: Jonnell Carpenter, *NCCCS General Counsel*

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to 1E SBCCC 700.2 – Student Activity Fees

DATE: July 23, 2024

On July 19, 2024, the State Board of Community Colleges initiated the rulemaking process to amend **1E SBCCC 700.2 – Student Activity Fees**. The proposed amendment would increase the cap on student activity fees and link future hikes to the Consumer Price Index. The proposed amendment is published on the NC Community College System's website, [Numbered Memos - NCCCS \(ncccommunitycolleges.edu\)](https://www.ncccommunitycolleges.edu). For your convenience, a copy of the proposed rule, with the changes indicated, is attached to this memorandum. Strikethroughs indicate deletions of existing language and underlines indicate additions of language.

Any member of the public has the right to submit written comments on the proposed rule. Please note that any person who submits public comments on behalf of their community college should comply with their college's local process for submitting comments on a proposed rule. **Written comments on the rule must be**

received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 22, 2024. Any member of the public has the right to request a hearing on the proposed rule. **Requests for a hearing must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2024.**

Written comments and requests for hearing shall be directed to the following address: Jonnell Carpenter, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-5001 or by email to publiccomments@nccommunitycolleges.edu. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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State Board of Community Colleges Code

Petition for Rulemaking Form

Date: July 23, 2024

Title, Chapter, Subchapter, and Rule Number of Rule Proposed to be Adopted, Amended, or Repealed	Amend 1E SBCCC 700.2 – Student Activity Fees
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Specify whether the SBCC proposes to amend, adopt, or repeal a rule:

Adopt (new rule)	Amend (change existing rule)	Repeal (delete entire rule)
	X	

Rationale for proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal:	The proposed amendment would increase the cap on student activity fees and link future hikes to the Consumer Price Index.
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Proposed Effective Date of Rule	October 1, 2024
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1E SBCCC 700.2 is proposed for amendment as follows:



1 **State Board of Community Colleges Code**
2 **TITLE 1. COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

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4 **CHAPTER E. STUDENT TUITION AND FEES**

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6 **SUBCHAPTER 700. LOCAL FEES**

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8 **1E SBCCC 700.2 Student Activity Fees**

9 (a) Student Activity Fee Rates. The local board of trustees is authorized to establish a fee
10 charged to students to support student activities. The student activity fee shall not
11 exceed \$35 \$50 per academic term which will be indexed annually based on the
12 unadjusted 12-month ended December Consumer Price Index percent change for all
13 items each year. Student activity fees shall not be charged to individuals who
14 participate only in meetings or seminars organized by the college. For the purposes
15 of this Subchapter, “meeting or seminar” means a group of people gathered on a one-
16 time basis primarily for discussion under the direction of a leader or resource
17 person(s).

18 (b) Use of Student Activity Fee Receipts: Colleges shall use student activity fee receipts
19 to support the cost of providing student activities, excluding those activities listed in
20 sub-subsection (3) below.

21 (1) Permissible Activities: For the purposes of this section, “student activity” means an
22 activity that is provided primarily for the benefit of students and whose participants
23 are primarily students, excluding instruction for which students pay tuition and
24 registration fees. Examples of student activities include the following:

- 25 (A) student centers;
26 (B) student government associations;
27 (C) student clubs;
28 (D) student enrichment and student social activities;
29 (E) student identification cards;
30 (F) student athletics;
31 (G) student health services; and

1 (H) student accident insurance

2 (2) Permissible expenses: In support of student activities, the college may use student
3 activity fee receipts to support the following types of expenses:

4 (A) College personnel directly providing student activities, such as student
5 government association staff, student activity coordinators, coaches, club
6 sponsors, or club advisors;

7 (B) Stipends or scholarships to students who serve as officers of student
8 organizations;

9 (C) Employee and student travel to student activities held at off-campus locations;

10 (D) Other purchased goods or services needed to conduct the student activity;

11 (E) Equipment, including vehicles, used directly for student activities;

12 (F) Capital improvement projects constructed for student activities, such as
13 student centers, student lounges, and athletic facilities. If a capital
14 improvement project serves multiple purposes, student activity fee receipts
15 may be used to support capital expenditures in proportion to the square
16 footage of the project dedicated to student activities.

17 (3) Impermissible expenses: Colleges shall not use student activity fee receipts to
18 support personnel and other operating costs related to college employees having
19 positions that are the fiscal responsibility of the State or local governments and do
20 not directly support student activities, including, but not limited to, academic
21 advisors, counselors, recruiters, admissions staff, and security personnel.
22 Colleges shall not use student activity fee receipts for capital improvements
23 projects constructed for purposes other than student activities.

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25 *History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;*

26 *Eff. [May 16, 2014](#).*

27 *Amend Eff. _____*