

**NCMC Trustees Approve Rate Increase Next Academic Year**

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Trustees of North Central Missouri College have approved increases in student tuition as well as room and board rates for the next academic year.



Tuition goes up two dollars in each category except dual credit.

The lowest for in-district tuition will be 76 dollars per credit hour. For a resident of Missouri, it will be 109 dollars per credit hour. High rates are noted for out of state; out-reach; on-line; and course by arrangement. Dual credit remains at 90 dollars per credit hour. No increase was recommended on student fees which remain at ten dollars for the room and board annual contract reflects a three percent increase based on a cost comparison with other Missouri community colleges, local supply and demand of rental properties, and a forecasted two to three percent increase in the consumer price index. Other factors are an anticipated increase in contractual services; a 85 dollar increase in the maximum Pell grant award, and consideration of state appropriations.

For the coming fall and next spring semester, NCMC Residence Hall occupancy will be 28-hundred 39 dollars for two students sharing a room and 45-hundred 41 dollars for a single occupant on campus. Also approved was the 12 meals a week plan costing 24-hundred 75 dollars and the 17 meals plan for 28-hundred ten dollars.

In a forthcoming change, nursing program tuition will be combined into one, across the board, rate for each nursing program and site. That tuition will be 235 dollars per credit hour beginning with the fall semester.

During discussion, College Trustee Don Dalrymple stated NCMC district tax-paying patrons enrolling in the nursing program should get a lower tuition than those residing outside of the college district. Upon the recommendation of North Central President Neil Nuttall, each of the three topics were combined into one motion. Trustees voted 4 to 1 to approve the rates as presented with Dalrymple opposed. In favor were John Holcomb, Diane Lowrey, Chris Hoffman, and Steve Busch. Rob Maloney was absent last evening.

The board hired Luetta Jacob of Lee's Summit as a part-time clinical instructor for the level two nursing program at Trenton.

Dean Kristen Alley told the board of procedures to refer students in need of counseling to the North Central Missouri Mental Health Center.

Reports were given by Chief Financial Officer Tyson Otto; Foundation Director Teresa Cross and College President Neil Nuttall.

Among his remarks, Doctor Nuttall praised Megan DeWitt and her team working on a Title Four report about federal financial aid. After review by a consultant, he said it'll to be submitted next week. Doctor Nuttall also presented a legislative update involving higher education including funding.

No executive session was held.

The annual NCMC Career Fair is this morning from 9 to 11 o'clock in the Ketcham Community

Center. Besides North Central, employers with booths set up will be from health care, criminal justice, agriculture, business, human services, and others.

NCMC's FAFSA Frenzy, is scheduled for three days next week. It's March 4th, 5th, and 6th, from 4 o'clock until 5:30, in the Alexander Student Center. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the first step in applying for federal financial aid and state aid programs.

Students and their families will be able to complete the 2014-15 FAFSA on-line with the help of financial aid professionals.

Families who have not yet completed their 2013 tax returns will be able to obtain information to help them submit their FAFSA at a later date. This is open to all students regardless of where they plan to attend college including those who plan on attending college this summer.

For more information, contact the NCMC Financial Aid Office at 660-359-3948 extension 14-17.