

Southeast Community College Sets Tuition Rates

Citing the need to remain close to its Nebraska community college peers, Southeast Community College's Board of Governors on Tuesday voted unanimously to increase tuition by \$3 per quarter credit hour. The new tuition rate of \$54 per quarter credit hour will take effect in July.

The Board left fees at the current \$1.25 per quarter credit hour, which means that tuition and fees for the 2012-2013 academic year, which starts with the Summer Quarter, will be \$55.25 per quarter credit hour for Nebraska residents. Out-of-state tuition will increase \$3.50 per quarter credit hour to a new rate of \$66.50. Add the \$1.25 per hour in fees and the new non-resident rate will be \$67.75 per quarter credit hour effective in July.

Continuing a long-standing practice, SCC administrators brought numerous tuition options to the Board for its consideration. Six options were presented, ranging from a zero-percent increase in tuition to a \$5 per quarter credit hour increase.

Prior to the vote the Board's discussion included property taxes and part-time students' ability to pay for college. State aid, property taxes and tuition are the three sources of revenue for the College.

In another matter related to costs for the coming academic year the Board approved room and board rates for residence halls on the Beatrice and Milford campuses. In Beatrice the cost to live on campus will increase 4 percent, while the cost for students living in Milford Campus residence halls will increase between 3 and 4 percent, depending on room occupancy.