University Administrator’s Forum

Tuition Surcharge

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Tuition Surcharge Defined

- The General Assembly instituted a tuition surcharge on all new undergraduates seeking a baccalaureate degree, as required by subsection (b) of section 89, chapter 321 of the 1993 Session law. Specifically it states:

  » The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina shall ensure that procedures are established necessary to impose a 25% tuition surcharge prior to Fall 2010 and a 50% surcharge effective Fall 2010 and after on students who take more than 140 degree credit hours to complete a 4 year baccalaureate program or 110% of the credit hours necessary to complete any program officially designated by the UNC Board of Governors as a five year program.
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What counts for Surcharge?

- Undergraduate credit hours counted in the calculation of tuition surcharge include:
  - All semesters (fall and spring) academic credit hours attempted (includes repeated coursework, failed coursework and coursework earning a ‘W’ grade); and
  - All transfer credit hours accepted by NCA&T, including those hours accepted as electives and not applicable to the student’s program of study.

- Excluded from tuition surcharge hours are:
  - College Board AP or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credits;
  - Credits earned in summer sessions at NCA&T or another UNC institution;
  - Credits earned from an extension program of any UNC institution, including NCA&T.
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Why it Matters?

- NCA&T has been the leader in the UNC system with surcharge;
- Uptick in concerns and complaints from students, parents and administrators on rising number of students with surcharge;
- Negative impact on enrollment (additional cost, financial aid doesn’t always cover);
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What Are We Doing?

- Currently, students receive an e-mail from the Registrar once they reach 99 attempted hours;

- Recent changes to the Academic Policies, specifically the *Repeat Rules* should minimize a student’s chance to fall into surcharge;

- Ensuring that faculty and advisors fully understand surcharge and can better advise students how to avoid this situation;

- Through UNC-Fit, a Tuition Surcharge Appeals Committee has been established.
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What Else Can Be Done?

- Increased discussion by advisors and others to better inform students;

- Full implementation of Academic Policies which should severely limit incidences in the future;

- Advising students that summer school is an option for taking courses without the extra charge;

- Continued push for academic quality in the students we recruit as well as those we retain.
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What Else Can Be Done?

- Information on the Academic Policy:

- Information on the Surcharge Appeals/Waiver Request:
Questions?