

**Northern New Mexico College
STUDENT POLICY**

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Dr. Bruce Hamlett
Executive Director
Commission on Higher Education
1068 Cerrillos Road
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Dear Dr. Hamlett:

The Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico Community College, at its July meeting, passed the following statement of policy with regard to tuition:

“The Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico Community College maintains authority for setting tuition and fees for all courses and activities in which students are engaged. It is the policy of the Board to require only such payments of tuition and fees which constitute a reasonable fraction of the cost of instruction and activities. Increases in student costs are effected only upon careful consideration and discussion with members of student government, interested students and other constituents. Although the Board recognizes its authority in determining increases in tuition and fees, it normally sets these amounts in anticipation of increases in total costs to the College and in examination of similar estimates which the Commission on Higher Education and the state legislature have made. The Board’s definition of reasonable is, of course, a prudent one.”

Since that time, I have read your communication of August 4, 1999 and the “Phase II” statements regarding tuition and tuition credit. While I find the statements reasonable and well thought, I should state, however, that my view is that community college students should bear the cost of no more than 8-10% of cost of an education (I & G). The tendency to add fees to the normal cost of tuition should be avoided. I believe that you concur with these statements, and I make these statements because the tendency to increase costs to students sometimes seems to continue unabated.

If you have any comments about our school’s statement of policy on this matter, please call me at 747-2140.

Sincerely,

Sigfredo Maestas
President

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