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SFCC Governing Board Approves Tuition Increase

Santa Fe, NM, April 7, 2011 — Santa Fe Community College will raise tuition from \$36 to \$39.50 per credit hour for in-district students effective with the summer semester. The increase was approved by the college's Governing Board at a special meeting today. Students who live out of the district but in the state will pay \$51.50 per credit hour, up from \$47.

Those who register during the Early Bird period for summer and fall 2011 classes (April 18 - May 25 for the summer semester; April 18 - July 27 for the fall semester) will receive a \$2 per credit discount off the regular rate of \$39.50. The college will discontinue the Early Bird option after the spring, 2012 semester.

The SFCC tuition increase follows the state's "tuition credit" recommendation of 9.5 percent for community colleges. The tuition credit is set each year by the New Mexico Legislature. Institutions failing to follow the recommended increase lose the equivalent amount in funding.

SFCC President Sheila Ortego said, "Our board works hard to keep rates low and ensure the college remains accessible and affordable for local students. At the same time, our enrollment has increased significantly and rapidly over the past two years, and we have added capacity to serve more students and meet a higher demand for career programs."

Dr. Ortego continued, "We recognize that even with our low rates, many family budgets must stretch in order to meet the cost of attending college. We encourage students to apply as soon as possible to take advantage of the numerous federal and state financial aid programs available. Additionally, donors have stepped forward to help the college's GROW Santa Fe Community College Foundation provide scholarships for students who may not qualify for other types of assistance."

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About Santa Fe Community College

For more than 28 years, Santa Fe Community College has served as the gateway to success for individuals and our community. The College provides affordable, high-quality educational programs that serve the social, cultural, technological and economic needs of Santa Fe's diverse community. More than 15,000 students are served each year in its credit, noncredit and adult basic education programs.

Offering more than 72 degree and certificate programs, SFCC caters to the academic, career and personal-enrichment needs of local residents, businesses, government and public service organizations. More than 274 full-time and 587 part-time employees are employed by the college. For further information, visit www.sfcc.edu or call (505) 428-1000.

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