

**\*Mesa State College Tuition Setting Authority Request**

Under the tuition setting authority granted by Senate Bill 10-003, Mesa State College (MSC) is requesting the following tuition setting authority:

1. MSC is not seeking authority to raise resident tuition above 9 percent if state funding remains at currently forecasted levels for FY 2011-12 (about \$19 million for MSC).
2. MSC plans to continue the phase in of linear tuition in FY 2011-12 through FY 2013-14 as freshmen students advance.
3. If state funding deteriorates but stays within 10 percent of forecasted levels, MSC anticipates being able to stay within their existing statutory tuition setting authority of 9 percent assuming the same or similar state funding allocation formula.
4. If state funding deteriorates beyond a 10 percent reduction, MSC is requesting the authority to increase resident, undergraduate tuition by 0.49 percent for each additional 1 percent of reduction in state funding beyond 10 percent.
5. At this time, MSC does not anticipate tuition increases above 9 percent for FY 2012-13 through FY 2015-16.

**CCHE FAP Review Subcommittee Recommendation:** Approve the tuition authority requested by Mesa State College for FY 2011-12 through FY 2015-16. As part of this approval, Mesa State College will provide to the commission an update on the strategies adopted by the MSC Board of Trustees to implement the tuition increase in FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 and regular updates on the following:

1. Providing data (as agreed to by the Department and MSC) on the enrollment, retention, and completion of low and middle income students and underserved student populations.
2. Other current information (as available) relevant to measuring the success of low and middle income students and underserved student populations.

**\*Tuition authority approved under the provisions of Senate Bill 10-03 is not tuition rate setting for FY 2011-12. Final FY 2011-12 tuition rates and policy will be set by the MSC Board of Trustees in the spring of 2011.**