

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 5.D

DATE: June 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Reduced Tuition Rate Request

During the December Board of Regents meeting, Dr. Warner and Regent Krogman met with the Faculty Senate at SDSM&T and discussed a request concerning reduced tuition and waived fees for faculty course enrollment that align with faculty certification, training, or professional enrichment. Following the meeting, the Senate considered the request and passed a resolution seeking that the BOR approve a program that would allow faculty to meet these requirements. Furthermore, the Senate requests that faculty be charged the same rate that high school students pay for taking classes on a dual-credit, space-available basis when enrollment in such classes does not increase needed state resources for the course (currently \$40/credit hour). Following review by legal counsel, it was noted that the request seeks to establish a rate for persons holding faculty rank that is more favorable than the rate that the Legislature has set in [South Dakota Codified Law 3-20-1](#) which allows qualified state employees to take classes at a reduced (50%) tuition rate. Such a request would align with our current terms and condition of employment and would need to be brought forward for negotiations with COHE. AAC representatives should be prepared to discuss similar requests that may exist on their campuses to determine if this warrants consideration as a negotiated item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discussion and Recommendation.

**FACULTY SENATE
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**Senate Resolution:
Reduced Tuition and Waived Fees for Faculty Course Enrollment**

The Senate asks that the President and Acting Provost request that the Board of Regents approve a program whereby BoR-employed faculty may enroll in courses to achieve a certification or training that would enhance their faculty role, as approved by the Provost, on a space-available basis with a waiver of all fees, except for any special fees needed for direct use in a course and a tuition reduction to the amount paid by high school students taking classes on the dual credit model.

This motion passed by vote of the Faculty Senate this 11th day of Dec, 2014.



Rodney Rice
Chair of the Faculty and Senate