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Regents Approve Tuition & Fee Rates for 2013-14

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents Thursday approved tuition and mandatory fees for the upcoming academic year. The impact to students in the public university system is an average cost increase of \$334.88 per year, or 4.4 percent.

“While we face a number of cost drivers that necessitate this tuition and fee adjustment, our intent was to minimize the overall increase to students,” said Regents President Kathryn Johnson. “Our priority remains the affordability of a quality college education for our students. Given the level of budget support we received in this year’s legislative session, I am pleased to say we could limit this year’s increase.”

Johnson said tuition and fee rates set by the regents must address system enrollment growth, service to students, and providing the highest quality education possible for all students.

One of the biggest drivers of tuition and fee rates is the salary policy set by the state for its workers, including Board of Regents’ employees. Salary policy for the coming year is 3 percent, plus a 3.5 percent movement to the midpoint salary range for civil service employees, and a health insurance premium increase of \$934 covering each full-time employee. The state is covering 41 percent of the salary package in the coming year, so tuition, fees, and student charges must be raised internally to cover the remainder of that obligation.

Inflation also impacts the costs charged to students, with a 2.95 percent inflationary increase, based on the Consumer Price Index, applied to the operating expense base for the universities.

On average, an in-state undergraduate student taking 30 credit hours next year will pay \$7,905.98 for tuition and the two fees paid by all students—the University Support Fee and the General Activity Fee. These new rates are effective for the 2013-14 academic year that begins this summer.