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State Support Keeps Tuition and Fee Increase to Zero for 2016-17

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Additional state funding, thanks to action by Gov. Dennis Daugaard and the legislature, will keep on-campus tuition and mandatory fees, along with program and delivery fees, unchanged for resident students at South Dakota public universities next year.

The South Dakota Board of Regents took action this week to set the tuition and fee schedule for the 2016-17 academic year.

This year, the state budgeted one-time funds to pay off construction bonds and redirect those savings to fund a tuition freeze for resident university students. Annual bond savings of just over \$2.9 million, along with a \$324,020 general fund appropriation, will cover salary/benefit costs and inflation normally paid by resident students through tuition and fee increases. The tuition freeze does not apply to non-resident tuition rates or to self-supported tuition rates paid at off-campus centers and for distance-delivered courses.

“The importance of making sure all eligible South Dakotans can access higher education, while keeping costs affordable, cannot be overstated,” said Regents President Randy Schaefer. “We are very thankful for the Governor’s and lawmakers’ support this year on behalf of the public university system and its students.”

The only adjustment in mandatory fees was a \$5.75 per credit hour increase in the General Activity Fee at Dakota State University. That fee adjustment had been previously approved by the regents a year ago to cover issuance of bonds on the Madison campus.