

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

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AGENDA ITEM: 12

DATE: May 12, 2015

**SUBJECT: Self-Support Tuition for South Dakota National Guard and Active Duty
Military Personnel at the University Centers**

Background

The federal government currently provides federal tuition assistance up to a maximum of \$250 per credit hour to military students. At the October 2014 meeting, the Board approved the extension of the National Guard undergraduate tuition benefit for active duty military personnel (Reserves, Active Reserves and Active Military) at all University Center locations. With the tuition benefit, the cost per credit hour remained under \$250 and was competitive with the private higher education institutions.

FY16 Undergraduate Self-Support Tuition Rate

For FY16, the undergraduate self-support rate less the National Guard benefit will actually be above the \$250.00 reimbursable rate. To remain competitive in Rapid City, where a majority of active duty personnel attend, BHSU is requesting that the \$250.00 rate be approved for FY16. This rate would include the tuition benefit of \$69.50 reimbursed by the Department of the Military for National Guard members.

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>
Undergraduate Self-Support Tuition - Cr Hr	\$312.89	\$325.25
Undergraduate Benefit (1)	<u>(\$66.55)</u>	<u>(\$69.50)</u>
National Guard and Active Duty Rate	\$246.34	\$255.75
Proposed Rate		\$250.00

(1) The benefit provided in statute is equal to one-half the resident state-support rate and is reimbursed by the Department of the Military for National Guard members.

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approve the FY16 Undergraduate Self-Support Tuition rate of \$250.00 for South Dakota National Guard members and Active Duty Military Personnel (Reserves, Active Reserves and Active Military) at all University Center locations effective Summer 2015. This rate has already been adjusted by the tuition benefit provided by the Department of the Military for National Guard members.