

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Budget and Finance**

**AGENDA ITEM: 7 – T**

**DATE: March 30-April 1, 2016**

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**SUBJECT: FY17 Resident On-Campus Tuition and Fees**

The Governor recommended and the Legislature provided one-time funds to pay off bonds and redirect the savings to fund a tuition freeze for resident students. The annual bond savings of \$2,904,690 along with a \$324,020 general fund appropriation will cover the portion of salary and benefit costs and inflation normally covered by tuition and fee increases to resident students. This funding covered the 2.7% salary and related benefit increase for tuition, the university support fee (USF), general activity fee (GAF), and all program fees; 2.5% movement to job worth for CSA employees; a 0.5% salary competitiveness funding increase for faculty and non-faculty exempt staff; and, 0.73% operating expense inflation for the general and tuition operating base budgets. Resident on-campus tuition, mandatory fees, and all program fees will be frozen for FY17 given the support from the Governor and the Legislature for South Dakota students.

**Resident On-Campus Student Tuition and Fee Increase**

It should be noted that last year the Board approved the issuance of \$5.0M in bonds to be supported by an increase in the GAF at DSU. The Board approved a \$5.75 per credit hour increase for FY16 and FY17 last April. That is the only fee that will increase this year.

Cost Impact for an Undergraduate Resident Student

	<u>FY16 Cost</u>	<u>FY17 Cost</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Black Hills State University	\$8,004.00	\$8,004.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Dakota State University	\$8,754.00	\$8,926.50	\$172.50	2.0%
Northern State University	\$7,887.00	\$7,887.00	\$0.00	0.0%
School of Mines & Technology	\$9,576.00	\$9,576.00	\$0.00	0.0%
South Dakota State University	\$8,172.00	\$8,172.00	\$0.00	0.0%
University of South Dakota	\$8,457.00	\$8,457.00	\$0.00	0.0%
<i>System Weighted Average Cost</i>	<b>\$8,372.30</b>	<b>\$8,389.87</b>	<b>\$17.58</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

I move the approval of the proposed FY17 Resident On-Campus Tuition and Fees as presented in Attachment I. I further move to authorize SDSU to waive the graduate assistant tuition and delivery fees and take that into consideration as part of compensation starting summer 2016.

**On-Campus Tuition Rates**

The six universities receive general fund appropriations that are used to support on-campus operations. All courses taught on campus are offered at the Board approved on-campus tuition rate except for remedial courses.

The necessary legislation was enacted to allow the rolling of the university support fee (USF) into the tuition rate. We will no longer charge students a separate fee. The necessary funding to make us whole for this change was also provided. This change will greatly simplify our tuition and fee structure and will allow military and National Guard members to qualify for additional federal tuition assistance.

The tuition rates proposed for FY17 will include the university support fee (USF). The USF is currently \$93.80 per credit hour for all resident students and \$110.25 for nonresidents at BHSU/DSU/NSU and \$117.45 at SDSM&T/SDSU/USD. Because of the tuition and fee freeze funding provided, the combined tuition and USF rate for FY17 will not increase over FY16.

<u>Resident Undergraduate Tuition</u>						
	<u>BHSU</u>	<u>DSU</u>	<u>NSU</u>	<u>SDSM&amp;T</u>	<u>SDSU</u>	<u>USD</u>
FY16 Tuition Rate	\$139.00	\$139.00	\$139.00	\$151.00	\$144.70	\$144.70
FY16 USF Rate	<u>\$93.80</u>	<u>\$93.80</u>	<u>\$93.80</u>	<u>\$93.80</u>	<u>\$93.80</u>	<u>\$93.80</u>
FY17 Tuition Rate	\$232.80	\$232.80	\$232.80	\$244.80	\$238.50	\$238.50

**Sanford School of Medicine**

The Sanford School of Medicine has an annual tuition rate based on 166 credit hours for the four-year program. The planned MD curriculum consists of 34 credit hours to 46 credit hours per year [Year 1 – 40 credit hours, Years 2 & 3 – 46 credit hours, and Year 4 – 34 credit hours] with slight variations in Years 3 and 4 depending on electives. Rolling the USF into tuition was calculated using 41.50 credit hours, the annual average credit hours of the program. With the proposed FY17 tuition rate, the AY2017 fourth year medical students would pay for extra credits hours of USF. Resident and non-resident students will realize a cost increase equivalent to the USF times the difference of 41.5 credit hours and actual credits taken in AY2017. To equalize the rate for those 4th year students, the School of Medicine will credit back the identified cost increase on the students’ bills.

**SDSU Waiver of Graduate Assistant Tuition and Discipline Fees**

To compete effectively when recruiting highly qualified prospective graduate students, a university may waive state-support graduate tuition and all discipline fees as part of the compensation for the required graduate work, per changes made to Board policy 5:22 in December of 2015. They will also waive the graduate self-support tuition rate for off-campus courses taken. The general activity fee (GAF) will not be waived. SDSU has given notice that they will waive graduate tuition and all program fees for graduate assistants and adjust stipends

accordingly starting summer 2016. The proposed FY17 tuition schedule reflects that SDSU will not charge graduate assistant students for on-campus or off-campus tuition.

### **Tuition Allocations**

Certain components of the USF now become components of the on-campus resident and nonresident tuition rates. These components support specific initiatives established by the Board. While the components will not increase for FY17, it is important to identify the proportion of tuition committed to the Board's priorities.

- **Salary Competitiveness:** The proposed Salary Competitiveness program cost for FY17 is \$41.48 per credit hour. This component supports the Board's goal to bring the salaries of faculty and exempt staff closer to the regional market.
- **Institutional Maintenance and Repair (M&R):** The maintenance and repair dollars are retained locally to address pressing M&R needs of academic facilities at each campus and can only be expended on Board approved projects. This component was part of the university support fee (USF) and is in addition to the HEFF component of tuition. The component for FY17 is set at \$1.64 per credit hour.
- **Critical Maintenance and Repair Bond:** The funds are committed to the retirement of the critical deferred maintenance bond approved by the Legislature during the 2007 legislative session. The component for FY17 is set at \$1.12 per credit hour.
- **Technology Component:** This component is dedicated to technology investments at the institutional and system levels. The FY16 system technology component is \$1.50 and the campus technology component is \$9.23 with an additional \$5.45 to support ERP systems like the finance and student systems.

	<u>FY17 Rate</u>
System Technology Fee	\$1.50
Campus Technology Investments	\$9.23
Central IT	<u>\$5.45</u>
Total Technology Component	\$16.18

The resident on-campus tuition rates for FY17 are provided in Attachment I, Page 6.

### **Mandatory Fees**

Each student pays the campus' general activity fee (GAF) per credit hour and students at DSU and SDSM&T pay the mandatory laptop fee each semester.

#### **General Activity Fee (GAF)**

The GAF supports student functions related to the co-curricular activities and operations of the student union buildings, including student organizations, cultural events, homecoming,

student government, student newspapers, athletics, intramural activities, fine arts, and debt on student unions. Per Board policy, committees composed of a majority of student representatives are to recommend changes in the GAF to the presidents.

There are no changes to the rates from FY16 to FY17 for BHSU, NSU, SDSM&T, SDSU, and USD. At the April 2015 Board meeting, the Board approved an \$11.50 per credit hour increase for DSU's GAF to fund the construction and renovation of the Trojan Center Student Union. One-half of the increase (\$5.75) was approved for FY16 and the second half approved for FY17.

<u>General Activity Fee</u>						
	<u>BHSU</u>	<u>DSU</u>	<u>NSU</u>	<u>SDSM&amp;T</u>	<u>SDSU</u>	<u>USD</u>
FY16 Per Credit Hour Rate	\$34.00	\$33.00	\$30.10	\$47.30	\$33.90	\$43.40
Increase for Debt Service		<u>\$5.75</u>				
FY17 GAF	\$34.00	\$38.75	\$30.10	\$47.30	\$33.90	\$43.40

Computer Lease Fees

DSU launched its mobile computing initiative at the start of the FY05 fall semester. SDSM&T launched its mobile computing initiative starting with the freshmen class in FY07. The per semester fee is used to cover the cost to lease laptop/tablet PC's for full-time, on-campus students. The cost of the mobile computing programs at DSU and SDSM&T are part of the mandatory costs paid by students. There will not be an increase for FY17 for the computer lease program.

<u>Computer Lease Fee</u>		
	<u>DSU</u>	<u>SDSM&amp;T</u>
Computer Lease Fee - Per Semester	\$390.00	\$406.50

Fees for Service

Outside of tuition and mandatory fees, students will be assessed specific fees for services and may pay additional fees for higher cost disciplines. The services could include processing applications, testing for credit, assessment fees, late fees, parking fees or similar services. Discipline fees are used to support high-cost disciplines in the areas of salaries and/or operating expenses.

Application Fee

The universities retain the revenues from the application fee to support work in the admissions offices. The undergraduate application fee is \$20.00 and the graduate application fee is \$35.00. The rate will not increase for FY17. It was last increased in FY02.

Transcript Fee

The universities retain the transcript fee revenue to support the work in providing transcripts. The transcript fee was restructured in FY16 when the system purchased software for processing electronic transcripts and created an e-Transcript Center. The current fee is \$9.00 per transcript. No increase is being recommended.

Challenge by Exam

The Challenge By Exam, formerly known as Exam for Credit, covers the costs of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams. The cost is \$90.75 per exam. No increase is requested.

International Student Fee

The international student fee was restructured starting in FY13 to a per semester fee with the fee being waived for the summer semester. The semester fee helps to offset the costs of any international student orientation programs, the on-going compliance support related to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), and the continuing compliance required of U.S. universities from the time an international student enrolls until the time he/she either graduates, finishes post-graduation training, or terminates his/her academic program and returns home. The fee currently is set at \$100 per semester. No increase is being recommended.

Testing Fees

Testing costs are to be covered with tuition revenues unless the Board has approved a specific fee. Retest fees have been approved for the COMPASS, Proficiency and Technology Literacy exams at \$18.00 per exam. Students will individually register for and pay the PRAXIS Principles of Learning & Teaching or the PRAXIS II Content test fees directly to Education Testing Services. No increase is being recommended.

USD contracts with HESI to administer the nursing assessment test for the Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science nursing candidates. The testing costs are paid directly by the student.

Nursing Assessment Fees

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	<u>FY16 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>Proposed FY17 Rate</u>
Nursing Assessment (ASN)	\$203.50	\$36.50	18.0%	\$240.00
Nursing Assessment (BSN)	\$214.50	\$0.00	0.0%	\$214.50

Discipline Fees

Discipline fees may be used for salary enhancement, to purchase instructional equipment and to pay other operating costs for the benefit of the students enrolled in the discipline. Courses assessing the discipline fees must be approved by the Board. There are no increases in the discipline fees from FY16 to FY17.

### **NSU Exchange Program Fee**

NSU's foreign exchange program agreements provide that the students will pay USF and GAF and not tuition. With the USF being rolled into the tuition rate, NSU would experience significant revenue losses if a new fee was not created. The solution is to charge students an exchange program fee of \$110.25 per credit hour in place of the USF. Students will still pay GAF.

### **Delivery Fees**

Universities may assess a program delivery fee to support the incremental costs of additional equipment, support staff, space or facilities, student services, business services or library and related services for all courses in a program offered in an off-campus location. Delivery Fees are charged on a per credit hour basis.

### **Nursing and School of Medicine Delivery Fee**

SDSU and USD uniformly assess the student costs for the off-campus nursing programs. All off-campus and internet delivered nursing courses are charged on-campus tuition because of the state funding received for the two programs. The nursing delivery fee is the equivalent of the USF and GAF charged to students taking courses delivered on campus. With the USF being rolled into the tuition, the nursing delivery fee will be reduced to \$43.40 per credit hour or just GAF. This is also true for Allied Health and the School of Medicine delivery fees.

### **Masters of Public Health**

The delivery fee for the Masters of Public Health was established using the USF and GAF rate combined cost. Because this program is self-support, rolling USF into GAF will not change the delivery fee. This delivery fee remains at \$137.20.

### **Vehicle Registration**

Vehicle registration fees are assessed to all students and faculty who choose to park on the university properties. There are no increases in the vehicle registration fees from FY16 to FY17.

### **Attachment**

All on-campus tuition rates, fees, and vehicle registration fees are itemized in Attachment I.

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**FY17 Resident On-Campus Tuition and FY17 Fee Schedule**

	<u>BHSU</u>	<u>DSU</u>	<u>NSU</u>	<u>SDSM&amp;T</u>	<u>SDSU</u>	<u>USD</u>
<b>Tuition - Per Credit Hour</b>						
<b>Undergraduate</b>						
Resident	\$232.80	\$232.80	\$232.80	\$244.80	\$238.50	\$238.50
State Empl, ROTC, Teacher Certification	\$116.40	\$116.40	\$116.40	\$122.40	\$119.25	\$119.25
Over Sixty-Five	\$128.05	\$128.05	\$128.05	\$134.65	\$131.20	\$131.20
Remedial (No Fees Charged)	\$333.35	\$333.35	\$333.35	\$333.35	\$333.35	\$333.35
<b>Graduate</b>						
Resident	\$304.60	\$304.60	\$304.60	\$318.45	\$313.15	\$313.15
State Employee, Teacher Certification	\$152.30	\$152.30	\$152.30	\$159.25	\$156.60	\$156.60
Graduate Assistant	\$161.45	\$161.45	\$161.45	\$168.80		\$165.95
Over Sixty-Five	\$167.55	\$167.55	\$167.55	\$175.15	\$172.25	\$172.25
Pharmacy Resident - Per Semester					\$4,695.00	
<b>Law School</b>						
Resident - Per Semester						\$5,402.00
Graduate Assistant - Per Credit Hour						\$190.85
<b>Medical School - Annual Tuition</b>						
Resident & INMED Program						\$29,555.00
<b>Mandatory Fees</b>						
General Activity Fee - Credit Hour	\$34.00	\$38.75	\$30.10	\$47.30	\$33.90	\$43.40
Computer Lease Fee - Per Semester		\$390.00		\$406.50		
<b>Fees for Service</b>						
Application Fee - Undergraduate	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Application Fee - Graduate	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Transcript	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Challenge by Exam - Course	\$90.75	\$90.75	\$90.75	\$90.75	\$90.75	\$90.75
International Student Fee - Fall & Spring	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
NSU Exchange Program Fee			\$110.25			
<b>Testing Fees</b>						
COMPASS, Proficiency, Technology Re-test	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Nursing Assessment (ASN)						\$240.00
Nursing Assessment (BSN)						\$214.50
<b>Discipline Fees - Per Credit Hour</b>						
<b>Science/Technology/Engineering/Math</b>						
Atmospheric & Environmental Science				\$80.00		
Biology/Microbiology/Anatomy	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Chemistry	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Geology/Nanoscience/Paleontology	\$20.00			\$80.00		
Physics	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Other Sciences <sup>(1)</sup>				\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Computer Science	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Engineering				\$80.00	\$80.00	
Mathematics/Statistics	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
<b>Allied Health<sup>(2)</sup></b>						
Undergraduate					\$97.70	\$97.70
Graduate					\$214.70	\$97.70
Health and Wellness	\$15.00				\$20.00	
Fine Arts	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
<b>Business</b>						
Undergraduate	\$28.65	\$28.65	\$28.65		\$28.65	\$28.65
Graduate	\$51.40	\$51.40	\$51.40		\$51.40	\$51.40

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**FY17 Resident On-Campus Tuition and FY17 Fee Schedule**

	<u>BHSU</u>	<u>DSU</u>	<u>NSU</u>	<u>SDSM&amp;T</u>	<u>SDSU</u>	<u>USD</u>
<b>Discipline Fees Continued</b>						
<b>Campus Specific Fees</b>						
Respiratory Care		\$50.00				
E-Learning			\$20.00			
Architecture					\$440.90	
Animal Science					\$60.95	
Dairy Science/Food Science					\$77.85	
Dietetics Internship - Per Semester					\$4,500.00	
Medical Laboratory Science - Per Semester					\$1,686.70	\$1,527.25
Neonatal Care - Annual					\$7,526.00	
Nutrition					\$28.00	
Interior Design /Landscape Design					\$28.00	
Pharmacy					\$197.65	
Pharmacy - Semester					\$3,330.00	
Range Science					\$44.35	
Veterinary Science					\$60.95	
Communication Disorders						\$102.15
Law - Per Semester						\$1,154.25
<b>Professional Education Majors</b>						
Soph/Junior Field Experience - Semester	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00		\$170.00	\$170.00
Senior Field Experience - Semester	\$340.00	\$340.00	\$340.00		\$340.00	\$340.00
Master's Level Internship - One Time	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00		\$170.00	\$170.00
Specialist Level Intern - One Time						\$345.00
Doctoral Level Intern - One Time						\$517.00
<b>Off-Campus Delivery Fee - Credit Hour</b>						
International Student Delivery Fee						\$410.45
Nursing, Allied Health, & School of Medicine <sup>(2)</sup>					\$43.40	\$43.40
Masters of Public Health					\$137.20	\$137.20
Medical Laboratory Science - Semester					\$1,051.95	
Masters of Social Work						\$43.40
pMBA (Sioux Falls)						\$364.25
Non-Resident Online Computer Science, Cyber Operations, & Network and Security		\$124.75				
Non-Resident Online Masters In Engineering				\$168.75		
<b>Vehicle Registration</b>						
Automobile - Annual	\$89.00	\$61.00	\$70.00	\$114.00	\$148.00	\$138.00
Automobile - Annual Secondary Vehicle				\$15.00		
Automobile - Annual - University Centers	\$31.00					\$30.00
Motorcycle - Annual				\$35.00	\$33.00	\$43.00
Motorcycle - Annual Secondary Vehicle				\$15.00		
Reserved - Annual					\$276.00	\$266.00
Commuter - Annual		\$33.00		\$114.00	\$148.00	
Remote - Annual					\$67.00	\$74.00
Remote - East - Annual					\$51.00	
Remote - Gravel - Annual					\$5.00	
Gated - Per Hour					\$2.00	

*Note: All rates are effective at the end of the 2016 spring term.*

*(1) Other Sciences:*

*SDSU - Ag & Biological, Botany, Horticulture, Interdisciplinary, Natural Resource Management, Plant, Wildlife and Fisheries & Geography*

*SDSM&T - Geography*

*USD - Earth Science, Meteorology*

*(2) Allied Health includes Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Physiology, Physical Therapy, and HSC Paramedic Specialization*