

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – Z

DATE: March 30-April 1, 2016

SUBJECT: FY17 Graduate Assistant Stipends

Board Policy 5:22(B) – Graduate Assistants and Fellows, requires the Board to annually establish a minimum graduate assistant stipend. Graduate assistants are expected to work a full semester to receive the full semester compensation. Graduate assistants are expected to work the full four-week summer session to receive the full four-week session compensation. The minimum compensation may be prorated accordingly if the graduate student does not work the full semester or four-week session.

The Board has traditionally increased the minimum amount of the graduate assistant stipends by the rate of increase in resident graduate tuition. Because of the state-support tuition freeze for FY17, the minimum amount is increased to reflect salary policy. The increase is rounded to the nearest dollar.

Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University

Graduate Assistant Stipends	FY16 Rate	\$ Increase	% Increase	Proposed FY17 Rate
Per Semester	\$3,483.00	\$111.00	3.2%	\$3,594.00
Per 4 Week Session	\$870.00	\$28.00	3.2%	\$898.00

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Graduate Assistant Stipends	FY16 Rate	\$ Increase	% Increase	Proposed FY17 Rate
Per Semester	\$3,711.00	\$119.00	3.2%	\$3,830.00
Per 4 Week Session	\$927.00	\$30.00	3.2%	\$957.00

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RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I move approval of BHSU, DSU, and NSU proposed FY17 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$3,594 per semester and \$898 per four-week session; SDSM&T proposed FY17 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$3,830 per semester and \$957 per four-week session; and USD proposed FY17 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$3,744 per semester and \$935 per four-week session.

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<u>Graduate Assistant Stipends</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	<u>Rate</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>FY17 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$3,628.00	\$116.00	3.2%	\$3,744.00
Per 4 Week Session	\$906.00	\$29.00	3.2%	\$935.00

There is no rate identified for SDSU given their intent to waive tuition and delivery fees starting in summer of 2016 and to adjust stipends accordingly. This approach is possible under the policy changes approved to BOR policy 5:22 during the December 2015 Board meeting.