

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – V
DATE: December 5-7, 2017

SUBJECT

DSU Active Duty Distance Rate

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

Department of Defense Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding – Section 4(A) - One Single Tuition Rate. All Service members attending the same educational institution, at the same location, enrolled in the same course, will be charged the same tuition rate without regard to their Service component. This single tuition rate includes active duty Service members and the National Guard and Reservists who are activated under Title10 and using Title10 Military Tuition.

[SDCL 13-53-6](#) Tuition rates and fees

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Dakota State University would like to expand the online program offerings to active military. DSU has worked with the military to recruit students specifically in the cyber operations programs. Military personnel however are looking at cost of programs along with the benefits the military offers and deciding to go to other universities that offer a military rate for online programs.

FY18 current tuition rates

Active military at University Centers	\$250.00
Active military online (off-campus tuition rate)	\$335.00

In addition to the tuition rate in the previous table, some active military students currently pay an additional Off-Campus Delivery fee. The DSU Non-Resident Online Undergraduate Computer Science, Cyber Operations, & Network and Security Administration delivery fee is \$125.60 per credit hour currently, thus bringing the total cost to \$460.60 per credit hour for those specific students.

With the federal tuition assistance program, active military personnel receive a benefit of \$250 per credit hour. The current rate for an online course is \$335 per credit hour so the student needs to pay out of pocket the \$85 per credit hour difference.

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DRAFT MOTION 20171205_6-V: I move to approve a pilot program for DSU to offer a distance military rate of \$250.00, effective summer of 2018.

DSU proposes an online tuition rate of \$250 per credit hour. All active military individuals would be eligible for this tuition rate. DSU would also request to change the Delivery Fee (Non-Resident Online Computer Science, Cyber Operations, & Network and Security Administration) such that it does not apply to active military students. The total cost for active military students to take an online course from DSU would be \$250 per credit hour.

For fall of 2017, there were 31 credit hours taken by this population of students. Based on Fall 2017 enrollment, DSU projects 62 credit hours for the entire academic year. The following table illustrates the projected revenue from those credit hours for a year, the revenue if the tuition rate was reduced to \$250 per credit hour, and the difference. DSU projects an increase of just under 1 full-time equivalent student (30 credit hours per year) to breakeven and would anticipate a significant increase overall.

	Current Rate	Proposed	Difference
Tuition Rate	\$335.00	\$250.00	\$85.00
Online Credit Hours	62	62	0
Total Tuition Revenue	\$20,770.00	\$15,500.00	\$5,270.00
Increase in number of FTE to breakeven:	0.70		1

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No analysis has been done across the system to determine the potential impact of offering all military taking distance courses a rate of \$250.00.

DSU is requesting to pilot this proposal and determine if it has a positive impact on military enrollments in distance programs.

ATTACHMENTS

None