

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – T

DATE: March 28-30, 2017

SUBJECT: FY18 Graduate Assistant Stipends

The Board annually establishes a minimum stipend to be paid to graduate assistants. 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.

SDSU currently waives tuition and fees for their graduate assistants and fellows as compensation for their work. Therefore, the salary minimum does not apply to SDSU.

The Board has traditionally increased the minimum amount of the graduate assistant stipends by the rate of increase in resident graduate tuition. The increase is rounded to the nearest dollar.

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

| Graduate Assistant Stipends | FY17 Rate | \$ Increase | % | Proposed |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| | | | Increase | FY18 Rate |
| Per Semester | \$3,594.00 | \$18.00 | 0.50% | \$3,612.00 |
| Per 4 Week Session | \$898.00 | \$5.00 | 0.50% | \$903.00 |

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

| Graduate Assistant Stipends | FY17 Rate | \$ Increase | % | Proposed |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| | | | Increase | FY18 Rate |
| Per Semester | \$3,830.00 | \$19.00 | 0.50% | \$3,849.00 |
| Per 4 Week Session | \$957.00 | \$5.00 | 0.50% | \$962.00 |

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DRAFT MOTION 20170328_7-T: I move approval of BHSU, DSU, and NSU FY18 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$3,612 per semester and \$903 per four-week session; SDSM&T FY18 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$3,849 per semester and \$962 per four-week session; and USD FY18 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$3,763 per semester and \$940 per four-week session.

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| <u>Graduate Assistant Stipends</u> | <u>FY17 Rate</u> | <u>\$ Increase</u> | <u>% Increase</u> | <u>Proposed FY18 Rate</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Per Semester | \$3,744.00 | \$19.00 | 0.50% | \$3,763.00 |
| Per 4 Week Session | \$935.00 | \$5.00 | 0.50% | \$940.00 |

There is no rate identified for SDSU for tuition and delivery fees are waived. This approach is possible under BOR Policy 5:22.