

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 9 – K (4)

DATE: June 26-28, 2018

SUBJECT

Reduced Tuition Annual Report

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

- [BOR Policy 5:5:1](#) Tuition and Fees: On-Campus Tuition
- [SDCL 3-20-1](#) Reduced Tuition for Certain State Employees
- [SDCL 33-6-5](#) Tuition Benefits for National Guard Members
- [SDCL 13-55-2](#) Veterans Entitled to Free Tuition at State Institutions
- [SDCL 13-55-6](#) Free Education of Children of Residents Who Died During Service in the Armed Forces
- [SDCL 13-55-10](#) Free Tuition to Child or Spouse of NG Member Disabled or Deceased in the Line of Duty
- [SDCL 13-55-11](#) Free Tuition and Fees for Visually Impaired Persons
- [SDCL 13-55-22](#) Free Tuition for Survivors of Certain Firefighters, Certified Law Enforcement Officers and Emergency Medical Technicians
- [SDCL 13-55-24](#) Reduced Tuition for Elementary or Secondary Teachers or Vocational Instructors

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Board Policy 5:5:1 outlines the tuition reduction programs available to students. The tuition reduction programs included in this report cover both Board approved and legislatively mandated programs and relate to on-campus courses for the 2018 academic school year (summer 2017, fall 2017, and spring 2018).

BOARD APPROVED PROGRAMS

- ◆ Persons 65 Years of Age or Older (SC): The tuition for resident students sixty-five (65) years of age or older during the calendar year enrolled shall be one-fourth (1/4) of the cost of resident tuition.
- ◆ Graduate Fellows and Assistants: (GA) Resident graduate assistants and graduate student fellows shall be assessed 53% of the resident graduate tuition rate for all on-campus courses, nonresidents shall be assessed 63%.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- ◆ Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadets (ROTC): South Dakota residents who are junior and senior students and who are contracted senior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets shall be charged fifty-percent (50%) of the undergraduate resident tuition rate established by the Board of Regents for not more than four semesters.
- ◆ North Dakota Residents Attending Northern State University (NSUND): First-time freshmen and new transfer students from North Dakota enrolled beginning with the summer 2004 term at Northern State University shall be assessed the resident tuition rate. This reduced rate is available only at the undergraduate level.
- ◆ Western Regional Graduate Program (WRG): Students from the WICHE states can participate in the Western Regional Graduate Program. The graduate programs that have been approved by the Board for South Dakota allow students to pay in-state tuition rates.
- ◆ Wyoming Residents Attending Black Hills State University (WY): First-time freshmen and new transfer students from Wyoming enrolled beginning with the summer 2013 term at Black Hills State University shall be assessed the resident tuition rate. This reduced rate is available only at the undergraduate level.
- ◆ Iowa Residents Attending Dakota State University, Northern State University, South Dakota State University, and the University of South Dakota (IAIS): First-time freshmen and new transfer students from Iowa enrolled at DSU, NSU, SDSU or USD beginning with the summer 2016 term shall be assessed the resident tuition rate. This reduced rate is available only at the undergraduate level.
- ◆ Children of Alumni (CA): Effective summer 2015, first-time freshmen and new transfer students who attend the same university where their parent or legal guardian received a degree, provided the student meets eligibility criteria established by the home institution, shall be assessed the resident tuition rate. This reduced rate is available only at the undergraduate level.

LEGISLATIVE APPROVED PROGRAMS

- ◆ Child of Deceased Veteran (SDCL § 13-55-6) (CDV): Any person under the age of twenty-five years, a resident of this state, and is a child of a deceased parent, mother or father who was a veteran as defined in § 33-17-2, is entitled to free tuition to pursue any course of study in any state educational institution under the control and management of the Board of Regents.
- ◆ Dependents of National Guardsmen Disabled or Deceased in Line of Duty (SDCL § 13-55-10) (DDD): South Dakota residents under the age of 25 years whose father, mother, or spouse died or sustained a total permanent disability resulting from duty as a South Dakota National Guard member, while on state active duty or any authorized training duty, shall be entitled to tuition without cost and be entitled to attend any course or courses of study.

- ◆ Employees of the State of South Dakota (SDCL § 3-20-1) (SDE): Employees of the state who meet eligibility requirements and are admitted to the university may be eligible for a fifty-percent (50%) tuition reduction for undergraduate and graduate courses up to a maximum of six credit hours per semester.
- ◆ Survivors of Fire Fighters, Certified Law Enforcement Offices and Emergency Medical Technicians (SDCL § 13-55-22) (SFP): If a firefighter or certified law enforcement officer or an emergency medical technician dies as a direct result of injuries received in performance of official duties, the survivor, upon being duly accepted for enrollment into any state-supported university of higher education or state-supported technical or vocational school, shall be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or vocational degree for so long as the survivor is eligible, free of any tuition. However, the bachelor's degree or vocational degree shall be earned within a thirty-six month or eight semester period or its equivalent.
- ◆ Certain Elementary and Secondary Teachers and Vocational Instructors (SDCL § 13-55-24) (TC): Certain elementary and secondary school teachers and vocational instructors may pursue any undergraduate or graduate course on campus upon payment of fifty-percent (50%) of tuition and 100% of required fees.
- ◆ Veterans and Others Who Performed War Service (SDCL § 13-55-2 through 13-55-4) (QV): Veterans and others who performed active war service may pursue any undergraduate course or courses without payment of charges for tuition for each month of qualified service or major fraction thereof a month in academic time. No eligible person shall be entitled to less than one nor more than four academic years of free tuition. Note: Many veterans will be coded as National Guard (NG), so the actual number of veterans qualifying will be understated.
- ◆ Dependents of Prisoner of War or Missing in Action (SDCL §13-55-9.2) (DPM): Any dependent of a prisoner of war or a person missing in action, upon his being duly accepted for enrollment into any state-supported institution of higher education or state-supported technical or vocational school, shall be entitled to eight semesters or twelve quarters, free of tuition and mandatory fees other than subsistence expenses, for either full or part-time study, for so long as he is eligible.
- ◆ Visually Impaired Persons (SDCL §§ 13-55-11 through 13-55-13) (VH): Residents of South Dakota who are visually impaired and are eligible for admission may pursue any course of study without payment of tuition and fees that other students are required to pay directly to the university until they have received two hundred twenty-five (225) semester hours of credit or its equivalent.
- ◆ National Guard Members (SDCL § 33-6-5) (NG): All National Guard students are entitled to a benefit of fifty-percent (50%) of the in-state resident tuition to be paid or otherwise credited by the Board of Regents. As of FY13, the Army's regulatory policy no longer allowed federal tuition assistance to be applied toward fees. Because this change

would have meant a loss of \$1,800 to a full-time National Guard member, the Board staff worked diligently to find a solution. The Army agreed that the Board could apply the fifty-percent (50%) reduced-tuition benefit to fees, allowing the full tuition to be paid with federal tuition assistance. The Board still only provides a benefit equivalent to fifty-percent (50%) of the tuition, but it is applied to GAF, allowing the student to be eligible for more tuition assistance.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board waived an estimated total of \$493,821 in tuition for National Guard members. When added to the \$4,627,064 for all other programs, the total tuition waived was \$5,120,884 for the 2018 academic year.

Attachment I provides the student numbers, and on-campus credit hours related to the reduced tuition programs. The total revenue collected from these students for tuition, general activity fee, room and board, and total revenue for the Regental system is also provided.

Attachment II provides the amount of tuition dollars waived for each of the programs including the National Guard program explained above.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – On-Campus Reduced Tuition Programs for Academic Year 2018 – Estimate of Tuition, Fees and Housing Collected

Attachment II – On-Campus Tuition Reduced Tuition Programs for Academic Year 2018 - Estimate of System Tuition Waived

**South Dakota Board of Regents
On-Campus Reduced Tuition Programs for Academic Year 2018
Estimate of Tuition, Fees and Housing Collected**

Reduced Tuition Program	Level	Institution	Tuition Rate	Number of Students	Credit Hours	Tuition	General Activity	Room & Board	Total Revenue
COA-Children of Alumni	Undergrad	DSU,NSU,SDSU,USD	\$239.70	321	7,888	\$1,890,753.60	\$351,561.00	\$1,320,318.00	\$3,562,632.60
COA-Children of Alumni	Undergrad	BHSU	\$250.45	9	154	\$38,569.30	\$5,583.00	\$26,609.00	\$70,761.30
COA-Children of Alumni	Undergrad	SDSM&T	\$246.00	26	715	\$175,890.00	\$34,034.00	\$140,562.00	\$350,486.00
DDD - Dependent of Deceased/Disabled SD NG	Undergrad	NSU,SDSU,USD	\$0.00	3	65	\$0.00	\$2,899.00	\$17,801.00	\$20,700.00
IAIS - Iowa Resident	Undergrad	DSU,NSU,SDSU,USD	\$239.70	1,099	23,237	\$5,569,908.90	\$1,095,048.00	\$5,138,649.00	\$11,803,605.90
NSUND-North Dakota NSU Student	Undergrad	NSU	\$239.70	103	2,210	\$529,737.00	\$66,521.00	\$424,259.00	\$1,020,517.00
QV-Qualified Veteran Undergrad	Undergrad	BHSU,DSU,SDSM&T,S DSU,USD	\$0.00	31	280	\$0.00	\$12,692.00	\$0.00	\$12,692.00
ROT-ROTC Undergrad Resident Rate	Undergrad	SDSU	\$119.85	1	25	\$2,996.25	\$1,041.00	\$0.00	\$4,037.25
SC-Senior Citizen	Undergrad	NSU,SDSU,USD	\$131.85	16	34	\$4,482.90	\$1,643.15	\$0.00	\$6,126.05
SC-Senior Citizen	Undergrad	BHSU	\$137.75	5	5	\$688.75	\$181.25	\$0.00	\$870.00
SC-Senior Citizen	Graduate	NSU,SDSU,USD	\$173.10	11	41	\$7,097.10	\$1,862.35	\$0.00	\$8,959.45
SC-Senior Citizen	Graduate	SDSM&T	\$176.05	1	23	\$4,049.15	\$1,094.80	\$0.00	\$5,143.95
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	DSU,NSU,SDSU,USD	\$119.85	45	175	\$20,973.75	\$8,102.50	\$0.00	\$29,076.25
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	BHSU	\$125.25	26	60	\$7,515.00	\$2,175.00	\$0.00	\$9,690.00
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	SDSM&T	\$123.00	5	32	\$3,936.00	\$1,523.20	\$0.00	\$5,459.20
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Graduate	DSU,NSU,SDSU,USD	\$157.35	96	716	\$112,662.60	\$34,250.45	\$0.00	\$146,913.05
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Graduate	SDSM&T	\$160.05	5	31	\$4,961.55	\$1,476.00	\$0.00	\$6,437.55
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	SDSM&T	\$123.00	1	4	\$492.00	\$190.40	\$0.00	\$682.40
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	DSU,NSU,SDSU,USD	\$157.35	192	253	\$39,809.55	\$11,889.15	\$0.00	\$51,698.70
VH-Visually Handicapped	Undergrad	SDSU	\$0.00	3	67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,550.00	\$12,550.00
VH-Visually Handicapped	Graduate	USD	\$0.00	2	34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WRG-Western Regional Graduate Prog	Graduate	SDSM&T	\$320.05	4	36	\$11,521.80	\$1,713.60	\$1,673.00	\$14,908.40
WRG-Western Regional Graduate Prog	Graduate	SDSU	\$314.70	6	26	\$8,182.20	\$1,082.90	\$0.00	\$9,265.10
WY-Wyoming Student	Undergrad	BHSU	\$250.45	326	6,048	\$1,514,721.60	\$219,240.00	\$648,564.00	\$2,382,525.60

**South Dakota Board of Regents
On-Campus Reduced Tuition Programs for Academic Year 2018
Estimate of System Tuition Waived**

Program			Number of Students	Credit Hours	Per Cr Hour Regular Cost	Tuition Total Regular Cost	Per Cr Hour Reduced Cost	Tuition Total Reduced Cost	Tuition Waived
Board Approved									
COA-Children of Alumni	Undergrad	DSU,NSU	17	112	\$337.35	\$37,783.20	\$239.70	\$26,846.40	\$10,936.80
COA-Children of Alumni	Undergrad	SDSU,USD	304	7,776	\$347.95	\$2,705,659.20	\$239.70	\$1,863,907.20	\$841,752.00
COA-Children of Alumni	Undergrad	BHSU	9	154	\$350.45	\$53,969.30	\$250.45	\$38,569.30	\$15,400.00
COA-Children of Alumni	Undergrad	SDSM&T	26	715	\$385.30	\$275,489.50	\$246.00	\$175,890.00	\$99,599.50
IAIS - Iowa Resident	Undergrad	DSU,NSU	101	1,159	\$337.35	\$390,988.65	\$239.70	\$277,812.30	\$113,176.35
IAIS - Iowa Resident	Undergrad	SDSU,USD	998	22,078	\$347.95	\$7,682,040.10	\$239.70	\$5,292,096.60	\$2,389,943.50
NSUND-North Dakota NSU Student	Undergrad	NSU	103	2,210	\$337.35	\$745,543.50	\$239.70	\$529,737.00	\$215,806.50
ROT-ROTC Undergrad Resident Rate	Undergrad	SDSU	1	25	\$239.70	\$5,992.50	\$119.85	\$2,996.25	\$2,996.25
SC-Senior Citizen	Undergrad	NSU,SDSU,USD	16	34	\$239.70	\$8,149.80	\$131.85	\$4,482.90	\$3,666.90
SC-Senior Citizen	Undergrad	BHSU	5	5	\$250.45	\$1,252.25	\$137.75	\$688.75	\$563.50
SC-Senior Citizen	Graduate	NSU,SDSU,USD	11	41	\$314.70	\$12,902.70	\$173.10	\$7,097.10	\$5,805.60
SC-Senior Citizen	Graduate	SDSM&T	1	23	\$320.05	\$7,361.15	\$176.05	\$4,049.15	\$3,312.00
WRG-Western Regional Graduate Prog	Graduate	SDSM&T	4	36	\$642.35	\$23,124.60	\$320.05	\$11,521.80	\$11,602.80
WRG-Western Regional Graduate Prog	Graduate	SDSU	6	26	\$605.05	\$15,731.30	\$314.70	\$8,182.20	\$7,549.10
WY-Wyoming Student	Undergrad	BHSU	326	6,048	\$350.45	\$2,119,521.60	\$250.45	\$1,514,721.60	\$604,800.00
Legislative Approved									
DDD - Dependent of Deceased/Disabled SD NG	Undergrad	NSU,SDSU,USD	3	65	\$239.70	\$15,580.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,580.50
QV-Qualified Veteran Undergrad	Undergrad	DSU,SDSU,USD	22	230	\$239.70	\$55,131.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,131.00
QV-Qualified Veteran Undergrad	Undergrad	BHSU	4	8	\$250.45	\$2,003.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,003.60
QV-Qualified Veteran Undergrad	Undergrad	SDSM&T	5	42	\$246.00	\$10,332.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,332.00
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	NSU,SDSU,USD	45	175	\$239.70	\$41,947.50	\$119.85	\$20,973.75	\$20,973.75
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	BHSU	26	60	\$250.45	\$15,027.00	\$125.25	\$7,515.00	\$7,512.00
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	SDSM&T	5	32	\$246.00	\$7,872.00	\$123.00	\$3,936.00	\$3,936.00
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Graduate	DSU,NSU,SDSU,USD	96	716	\$314.70	\$225,325.20	\$157.35	\$112,662.60	\$112,662.60
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Graduate	SDSM&T	5	31	\$320.05	\$9,921.55	\$160.05	\$4,961.55	\$4,960.00
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	SDSM&T	1	4	\$246.00	\$984.00	\$123.00	\$492.00	\$492.00
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	DSU,NSU,SDSU,USD	192	253	\$314.70	\$79,619.10	\$157.35	\$39,809.55	\$39,809.55
VH-Visually Handicapped	Undergrad	SDSU	3	67	\$239.70	\$16,059.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,059.90
VH-Visually Handicapped	Graduate	USD	2	34	\$314.70	\$10,699.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,699.80
Sub Total of Board and Legislative Approved Programs			2,337	42,159		\$14,576,013		\$9,948,949	\$4,627,064
Natioinal Guard Programs	Undergrad		325						\$475,097
	Graduate		17						\$18,724
Total Amount Waived									\$5,120,884

(1) The Board waived a total or a portion of the USF and GAF for Army National Guard members