

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Budget and Finance**

**AGENDA ITEM: 6 – E**

**DATE: April 1, 2020**

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**SUBJECT:**

**FY21 Graduate Assistant Stipends**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[SDCL 13-53-6](#) – Tuition Rates and Fees

[BOR Policy 5:5](#) – Tuition and Fees: General Procedures

[BOR Policy 5:22](#) – Graduate Assistants and Fellows

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

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

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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	<u>FY20 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY21 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$3,882	\$78	2.0%	\$3,960
Per 4-Week Session	\$970	\$20	2.0%	\$990

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**DRAFT MOTION 20200401\_6-E:**

I move approval of the BHSU, DSU, and NSU FY21 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$78 per semester and \$20 per four-week session; SDSM&T FY21 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$81 per semester and \$20 per four-week session; and USD FY21 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$81 per semester and \$20 per four-week session.

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South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

<u>Graduate Assistant Stipends</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY21 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$4,036	\$81	2.0%	\$4,117
Per 4 Week Session	\$1,008	\$20	2.0%	\$1,028

University of South Dakota

<u>Graduate Assistant Stipends</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY21 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$4,027	\$81	2.0%	\$4,108
Per 4 Week Session	\$1,006	\$20	2.0%	\$1,026

**ATTACHMENTS**

None