

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – V
DATE: June 24, 2020

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 2020 academic school year (summer 2019, fall 2019, and spring 2020).

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/GAS) 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 (ROT): 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.
- 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.
- Children of Alumni (COAB/COAD/COAN/COAM/COAS/COAU): 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.
- South Dakota Advantage (ISR). First-time freshmen and new transfer students from Colorado, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wyoming beginning with the summer 2019 term 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 \$800,664 in tuition for National Guard members. When added to the \$10,179,486 for all other programs, the total tuition waived was \$10,071,897 for the 2020 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 2020 –
Estimate of Tuition, Fees and Housing Collected

Attachment II – On-Campus Tuition Reduced Tuition Programs for Academic Year 2020
- Estimate of System Tuition Waived

**South Dakota Board of Regents
On-Campus Reduced Tuition Programs for Academic Year 2020
Estimate of Tuition, Fees and Housing Collected**

Reduced Tuition Program	Level	Institution	Tuition Rate	Number of Students	Credit Hours	Tuition	General Activity Fee	Room & Board		Total Revenue
								Board	Room	
COAB-Univ Child of Alum	Undergrad	BHSU	\$285.22	7	211	\$60,182	\$7,134	\$23,992	\$0	\$91,308
COAD/COAN-Univ Child of Alum	Undergrad	DSU, NSU	\$261.74	7	180	\$47,113	\$16,922	\$10,598	\$0	\$74,633
COAM-Univ Child of Alum	Undergrad	SDSM&T	\$265.40	29	785	\$208,339	\$110,305	\$97,533	\$0	\$416,177
COAS/COA U-Univ Child of Alum	Undergrad	SDSU, USD	\$270.54	339	9,666	\$2,615,021	\$833,264	\$978,545	\$0	\$4,426,830
DDD-Dependent Dead/Disabled SDNG	Undergrad	NSU, SDSU, USD	\$80.35	6	153	\$12,294	\$8,985	\$10,288	\$0	\$31,567
ISR - CO/MT/WY/IA/NE/ND Resident	Undergrad	BHSU	\$277.67	421	10,048	\$2,789,997	\$365,114	\$1,114,278	\$0	\$4,269,389
ISR - CO/MT/WY/IA/NE/ND Resident	Undergrad	DSU	\$278.29	174	4,157	\$1,156,863	\$357,044	\$522,369	\$0	\$2,036,277
ISR - CO/MT/WY/IA/NE/ND Resident	Undergrad	NSU	\$268.21	139	3,792	\$1,017,037	\$164,165	\$409,547	\$0	\$1,590,749
ISR - CO/MT/WY/IA/NE/ND Resident	Undergrad	SDSM&T	\$260.71	277	7,356	\$1,917,814	\$1,002,382	\$1,312,758	\$0	\$4,232,955
ISR - CO/MT/WY/IA/NE/ND Resident	Undergrad	SDSU, USD	\$271.02	2,208	58,921	\$15,968,945	\$4,686,194	\$6,858,389	\$0	\$27,513,527
QV-Qualified Veteran Undergrad	Undergrad	BHSU, DSU, NSU, USD, SDSU	\$57.83	29	433	\$25,039	\$17,872	\$11,752	\$0	\$54,663
ROT-ROTC Undergrad Resident Rate	Undergrad	DSU, SDSU	\$129.01	4	79	\$10,192	\$5,674	\$871	\$0	\$16,737
SC-Senior Citizen	Undergrad	NSU	\$207.18	6	34	\$7,044	\$225	\$0	\$0	\$7,269
SC-Senior Citizen	Undergrad	SDSU, USD	\$281.20	4	18	\$5,062	\$480	\$0	\$0	\$5,541
SC-Senior Citizen	Graduate	NSU	\$40.00	7	8	\$320	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$320
SC-Senior Citizen	Graduate	SDSU, USD	\$367.83	8	63	\$23,173	\$1,908	\$0	\$0	\$25,081
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	BHSU	\$220.10	6	61	\$13,426	\$1,398	\$0	\$0	\$14,824
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	DSU, NSU	\$230.93	4	45	\$10,392	\$1,642	\$0	\$0	\$12,034
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	SDSU, USD	\$226.06	17	179	\$40,464	\$8,374	\$238	\$0	\$49,076
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Graduate	BHSU	\$296.30	3	15	\$4,445	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,445
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Graduate	DSU, NSU	\$194.29	9	84	\$6,321	\$6,310	\$0	\$0	\$22,631
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Graduate	SDSM&T	\$217.47	4	18	\$3,914	\$1,999	\$0	\$0	\$5,913
SDE-Resident SD Employee	Graduate	SDSU, USD	\$244.22	76	776	\$189,513	\$42,773	\$0	\$0	\$232,286
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	BHSU	\$217.47	37	153	\$33,273	\$513	\$0	\$0	\$33,787
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	DSU, NSU	\$232.20	32	155	\$35,991	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$36,341
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	SDSU, USD	\$243.62	17	73	\$17,784	\$487	\$0	\$0	\$18,271
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	BHSU	\$265.76	38	225	\$59,796	\$189	\$0	\$0	\$59,985
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	DSU, NSU	\$287.69	78	591	\$170,023	\$1,236	\$0	\$0	\$171,259
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	SDSU, USD	\$295.48	120	805	\$237,863	\$10,877	\$0	\$0	\$248,741
VH-Visually Handicapped	Undergrad	BHSU, DSU, NSU	\$0.00	5	113	\$0	\$0	\$12,463	\$0	\$12,463
VH-Visually Handicapped	Undergrad	SDSU	\$0.00	2	56	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
VH-Visually Handicapped	Graduate	USD	\$0.00	1	4	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WRG-Western Regional Graduate Prog	Graduate	SDSM&T	\$358.45	13	134	\$48,033	\$19,926	\$0	\$0	\$67,959
WRG-Western Regional Graduate Prog	Graduate	SDSU	\$348.53	2	11	\$3,834	\$934	\$298	\$0	\$5,066

On-Campus Reduced Tuition Programs for Academic Year 2020 Estimate of System Tuition Waived

Program	Number of		Per Cr Hour	Tuition Total	Per Cr Hour		Tuition Total	Tuition Waived	
	Students	Hours			Regular Cost	Reduced Cost			
Board Approved									
COAB- Univ Child of Alum	Undergrad	BHSU	7	211	\$367.45	\$77,532	\$285.22	\$60,182	\$17,350
COAD/COAN- Univ Child of Alum	Undergrad	DSU, NSU	7	180	\$353.70	\$63,666	\$261.74	\$47,113	\$16,553
COAM- Univ Child of Alum	Undergrad	SPSM&T	29	785	\$404.00	\$117,140	\$265.40	\$208,339	\$108,801
COAS/COAU- Univ Child of Alum	Undergrad	SPSU, USD	339	9,666	\$372.40	\$3,399,618	\$270.54	\$2,615,021	\$984,597
ISR - CO/MT/WY/IA/NE/ND Resident	Undergrad	BHSU	421	10,048	\$367.45	\$3,692,138	\$277.67	\$2,789,997	\$902,141
ISR - CO/MT/WY/IA/NE/ND Resident	Undergrad	DSU, NSU	313	7,949	\$353.70	\$2,811,561	\$273.48	\$1,773,899	\$637,662
ISR - CO/MT/WY/IA/NE/ND Resident	Undergrad	SPSM&T	277	7,356	\$404.00	\$2,971,824	\$260.71	\$1,917,814	\$1,054,010
ISR - CO/MT/WY/IA/NE/ND Resident	Undergrad	SPSU, USD	2,208	\$8,921	\$372.40	\$21,942,180	\$271.02	\$15,968,947	\$5,973,233
ROT- ROTC Undergrad Resident Rate	Undergrad	DSU	1	15	\$251.35	\$3,770	\$145.64	\$2,185	\$1,585
ROT- ROTC Undergrad Resident Rate	Undergrad	SPSU	3	64	\$256.55	\$16,419	\$125.11	\$8,007	\$8,412
SC- Senior Citizen	Undergrad	NSU	6	34	\$339.50	\$11,543	\$207.18	\$7,044	\$4,499
SC- Senior Citizen	Undergrad	SPSU, USD	4	18	\$319.68	\$5,754	\$281.20	\$5,062	\$692
SC- Senior Citizen	Graduate	NSU	7	8	\$329.95	\$2,640	\$40.00	\$320	\$2,320
SC- Senior Citizen	Graduate	SPSU, USD	8	63	\$420.75	\$26,507	\$367.83	\$23,173	\$3,334
WRG- Western Regional Graduate Prog	Graduate	SPSM&T	13	134	\$673.50	\$90,249	\$358.45	\$48,033	\$42,216
WRG- Western Regional Graduate Prog	Graduate	SPSU	2	11	\$647.55	\$7,123	\$348.53	\$3,833	\$3,290
Legislative Approved									
DDD- Dependent Dead/Disabled SDNG	Undergrad	NSU	1	33	\$251.35	\$8,295	\$31.93	\$1,054	\$7,241
DDD- Dependent Dead/Disabled SDNG	Undergrad	SPSU, USD	5	120	\$256.55	\$30,786	\$93.67	\$11,240	\$19,546
QV- Qualified Veteran Undergrad	Undergrad	BHSU	5	34	\$262.60	\$8,928	\$60.82	\$2,068	\$6,860
QV- Qualified Veteran Undergrad	Undergrad	DSU, NSU	13	128	\$251.35	\$32,173	\$95.86	\$12,270	\$19,903
QV- Qualified Veteran Undergrad	Undergrad	SPSU, USD	11	170	\$256.55	\$43,614	\$62.95	\$10,701	\$32,913
SDE- Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	BHSU	6	61	\$262.60	\$16,019	\$220.10	\$13,426	\$2,593
SDE- Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	DSU, NSU	4	45	\$251.35	\$11,311	\$230.93	\$10,392	\$919
SDE- Resident SD Employee	Undergrad	SPSU, USD	17	179	\$256.55	\$45,922	\$226.06	\$40,464	\$5,458
SDE- Resident SD Employee	Graduate	BHSU	3	15	\$339.05	\$5,086	\$296.30	\$4,445	\$641
SDE- Resident SD Employee	Graduate	DSU, NSU	9	84	\$329.95	\$27,716	\$194.29	\$16,321	\$11,395
SDE- Resident SD Employee	Graduate	SPSM&T	4	18	\$335.55	\$6,040	\$217.47	\$3,914	\$2,126
SDE- Resident SD Employee	Graduate	SPSU, USD	76	776	\$336.80	\$261,357	\$244.22	\$189,512	\$71,845
TC- Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	BHSU	37	153	\$262.60	\$40,178	\$217.47	\$33,273	\$6,905
TC- Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	DSU, NSU	32	155	\$251.35	\$38,959	\$232.20	\$35,991	\$2,968
TC- Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	SPSU, USD	17	73	\$256.55	\$18,728	\$243.62	\$17,784	\$944
TC- Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	BHSU	38	225	\$339.05	\$76,286	\$265.76	\$59,796	\$16,490
TC- Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	DSU, NSU	78	591	\$329.95	\$195,000	\$287.69	\$170,023	\$24,977
TC- Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	SPSU, USD	120	805	\$336.80	\$271,124	\$295.48	\$237,863	\$33,261
VH- Visually Handicapped	Undergrad	BHSU	1	9	\$262.60	\$2,363	\$0.00	\$0	\$2,363
VH- Visually Handicapped	Undergrad	DSU, NSU	4	104	\$251.35	\$26,140	\$0.00	\$0	\$26,140
VH- Visually Handicapped	Undergrad	SPSU, USD	2	56	\$256.55	\$14,367	\$0.00	\$0	\$14,367
VH- Visually Handicapped	Graduate	USD	1	4	\$336.80	\$1,347	\$0.00	\$0	\$1,347
Sub Total of Board and Legislative Approved Programs			4,129	99,301		\$36,821,403		\$26,749,506	\$10,071,897
National Guard Programs				Undergrad		\$1,934,805		\$1,159,736	\$775,069
				Graduate		\$129,245		\$103,649	\$25,596
Total Amount Waived								\$10,872,561	

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