

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

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AGENDA ITEM: 6 – X
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SUBJECT:
2021-2022 Regional Tuition and Fees Survey

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY
None

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Annually, the Board office conducts a comprehensive tuition survey of the four-year public institutions in the surrounding states. States participating are Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming. The survey compares mandatory tuition and fee costs and total costs using the following parameters:

1. Tuition and Fees – This represents tuition and any mandatory fees for 30 credit hours per year for undergraduate and 24 credit hours for graduate. These data are collected for undergraduates and graduates for residents and nonresidents.
2. Total Cost – This number is a combination of the tuition and fee costs plus the cost of housing and meals. Housing is based on a double occupancy room and the meal plan is based on a plan that provides 15 meals per week or one that is close to that.

The figures reflected in the study only include costs that are identified for all students. Special discipline fees are not included since they cannot be identified for all students. Therefore, a student could pay costs higher than those reflected in this report if he or she were enrolled in a discipline with special support fees.

It is important to also note that the nonresident rates do not reflect any reciprocity agreements or other tuition reduction programs between states. Therefore, a nonresident student could attend a given institution at a lower cost than indicated in this report.

The report is presented in four sections. Section I provides summary tables comparing individual South Dakota university costs to average costs for comparable Carnegie classified institutions for tuition and fees and total costs. Section I also provides a comparable South Dakota average cost to the survey average by student classification. Section II provides the tuition and fee cost information for all thirty-nine institutions and compares them by institution classification. Section III combines tuition and fees with

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room and board costs to exhibit a total cost comparison. The classifications of baccalaureate, masters and doctoral are used to compare like institutions. Section IV provides a historic comparison of tuition and fees and total costs for the institutions from 2012-2013 to 2021-2022.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

When looking at how South Dakota tuition and fee rates rank in the region (ranking from lowest to highest), South Dakota ranks fourth highest out of seven states for undergraduate resident tuition and fees, and the fourth highest out of seven states for graduate resident tuition and fees. South Dakota is second highest for undergraduate nonresident tuition and fees and third highest for graduate nonresident tuition and fees.

Tuition & Fees

	Undergraduate				Graduate			
	Resident		Nonresident		Resident		Nonresident	
	<u>Rank*</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Rank*</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Rank*</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Rank*</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Iowa	6	\$9,543	7	\$25,701	5	\$11,294	7	\$26,335
Minnesota	7	\$11,153	4	\$15,685	7	\$13,725	4	\$17,273
Montana	2	\$6,728	6	\$22,527	1	\$7,624	6	\$24,056
Nebraska	3	\$8,256	3	\$14,866	2	\$8,032	2	\$16,443
North Dakota	5	\$9,394	1	\$12,678	6	\$11,552	1	\$15,089
South Dakota	4	\$9,356	2	\$12,815	4	\$9,178	3	\$16,522
Wyoming	1	\$6,097	5	\$20,647	3	\$8,653	5	\$22,933
Seven State Average		\$8,647		\$17,846		\$10,008		\$19,807

**Ranked lowest to highest*

South Dakota's undergraduate and graduate resident total costs rank in the lower half of the seven states and nonresident undergraduate and nonresident graduate total costs are the second lowest. Graduate resident rates are within \$376 of the lowest school. The low nonresident rates reflect the goal of recruiting nonresident students to build the SD workforce.

Total Cost

	Undergraduate				Graduate			
	Resident		Nonresident		Resident		Nonresident	
	<u>Rank*</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Rank*</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Rank*</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Rank*</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Iowa	6	\$19,461	7	\$35,619	6	\$21,212	7	\$36,253
Minnesota	7	\$20,367	4	\$25,353	7	\$23,045	4	\$27,036
Montana	1	\$15,247	6	\$31,046	1	\$16,350	5	\$32,782
Nebraska	5	\$17,670	3	\$24,280	3	\$17,445	3	\$25,856
North Dakota	4	\$17,319	2	\$20,603	5	\$19,982	1	\$23,519
South Dakota	3	\$16,904	1	\$20,363	2	\$16,726	2	\$24,070
Wyoming	2	\$16,427	5	\$30,977	4	\$18,983	6	\$33,263
Seven State Average		\$17,628		\$26,892		\$19,106		\$28,969

**Ranked lowest to highest*

South Dakota has focused on affordability for resident students. Still, South Dakota increased costs over a ten-year period more than three of the surrounding states for resident rates. South Dakota's nonresident undergraduate tuition and fees costs have increased 33.8% over that same period, more than all other states except Wyoming.

Percentage Increase Over Ten-Year Period			
Tuition and Fees			
<u>Undergraduate Resident</u>		<u>Undergraduate Nonresident</u>	
Minnesota	6.9%	Nebraska	(23.2%)
Montana	12.8%	North Dakota	(21.9%)
Nebraska	14.3%	Montana	16.9%
South Dakota	21.9%	Iowa	22.7%
Iowa	22.3%	Minnesota	33.5%
North Dakota	35.4%	South Dakota	33.8%
Wyoming	42.5%	Wyoming	53.1%

South Dakota also increased its total cost for undergraduate residents less than two other states at 25.9%. The total cost increase for nonresidents was the second highest of all seven states.

Percentage Increase Over Ten-Year Period			
Total Cost			
<u>Undergraduate Resident</u>		<u>Undergraduate Nonresident</u>	
Minnesota	14.3%	Nebraska	(11.49%)
Nebraska	15.5%	North Dakota	(7.91%)
Montana	21.4%	Montana	20.0%
Iowa	22.2%	Iowa	22.6%
South Dakota	25.9%	Minnesota	32.6%
Wyoming	30.2%	South Dakota	32.8%
North Dakota	32.6%	Wyoming	41.9%