

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Budget and Finance**

**AGENDA ITEM: 7 – F**  
**DATE: March 29-30, 2022**

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**SUBJECT**

**FY23 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 of Regents 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.

DSU and SDSU currently waive tuition for their graduate assistants and fellows as compensation for their work. Beginning in FY23, SDSMT will waive tuition for their graduate assistants and fellows as compensation for their work as well. Therefore, the salary minimum does not apply to DSU, SDSMT, and 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. Since there was no increase in tuition for FY23, there will be no addition to the stipend amount.

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**DRAFT MOTION 20220329\_7-F:**

I move approval of the BHSU and NSU FY23 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$3,921 per semester and \$980 per four-week session; and USD FY23 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$4,067 per semester and \$1,016 per four-week session.

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Black Hills State University (BHSU) and Northern State University (NSU)

<u>Graduate Assistant Stipends</u>	<u>FY22 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY23 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$3,921	\$0	0.0%	\$3,921
Per 4-Week Session	\$980	\$0	0.0%	\$980

University of South Dakota (USD)

<u>Graduate Assistant Stipends</u>	<u>FY22 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY23 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$4,067	\$0	0.0%	\$4,067
Per 4-Week Session	\$1,016	\$0	0.0%	\$1,016

**ATTACHMENTS**

None