

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – E
DATE: March 29-30, 2023

SUBJECT

FY24 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, SDSMT, and SDSU currently waive tuition for their graduate assistants and fellows as compensation for their work. Therefore, the salary minimum does not apply to DSU, SDSMT, or 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 FY24, there will be no addition to the stipend amount.

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DRAFT MOTION 20230329_7-E:

I move approval of the BHSU and NSU FY24 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$3,921 per semester and \$980 per four-week session; and USD FY24 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>FY23 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY24 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>FY23 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY24 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$4,067	\$0	0.0%	\$4,067
Per 4-Week Session	\$1,016	\$0	0.0%	\$1,016

ATTACHMENTS

None