

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – I

DATE: May 11-12, 2016

**SUBJECT: BOR Policy 5:5:2 – Tuition and Fees: Off-Campus Tuition
(Recommended Emergency Implementation)**

House Bill 1061 provides for the same tuition reduction benefit on off-campus courses as on-campus courses for elementary and secondary teachers, or vocational instructors who are required to take college courses as a condition of employment or to maintain a certificate to teach. Statute already provides for a reduced tuition benefit for teacher recertification on courses delivered on-campus. The proposed policy change reflects this legislative change and would keep the policy in-line with the rates already set for the academic year.

This policy change also changes the terminology from “state-support” and “self-support” to “on-campus” and “off-campus”.

DRAFT MOTION 20160511_6-I: I move to approve the emergency implementation of the changes to BOR policy 5:5:2 as outlined in Attachment I.

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Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Tuition and Fees: ~~Self-Support Tuition~~Off-Campus Tuition

NUMBER: 5:5:2

1. ~~Self-Support~~Off-Campus Tuition

All courses offered off-campus and at the Centers will be at ~~self-support off-campus~~ tuition rates established by the Board unless ~~state-support on-campus~~ rates have been specifically authorized by the Board.

- A. **Standard ~~Self-Support~~Off-Campus Tuition Rates:** The Board sets tuition rates each spring that are effective for the following summer, fall and spring terms. This rate is comprised of the ~~self-support off-campus~~ tuition rate plus an eleven and one-half percent (11.5%) HEFF –component, ~~equivalent to the resident state support tuition HEFF contribution, or 20 percent of the resident tuition rate for undergraduate and graduates respectively,~~ and a surcharge for the support of the Electronic University Consortium (EUC).
- B. **Per Credit Hour Rates:** The ~~self-support off-campus~~ tuition rates are per credit hour rates for undergraduate and graduate students. There is no distinction between resident and non-resident students as there is with ~~state-support on-campus~~ tuition.
- C. **Remedial On-Campus Courses:** These courses will be assessed an amount equal to the undergraduate ~~self-support off-campus~~ tuition rate. No fees are to be charged in addition to this with this rate.

2. ~~Self-Support~~Off-Campus Reduced Tuition Programs

Legislated and Board approved tuition and fee reductions and waivers apply only to ~~state-supported on-campus~~ courses and programs except where noted below. (SDCL § 13-55-23)

- A. **Reduced Tuition Benefit for South Dakota National Guard Members (SDCL 33-6-5):** The undergraduate and graduate ~~self-support off-campus~~ tuition rates assessed to members of the South Dakota National Guard will be reduced by the tuition benefit provided for on-state-support on-campus courses, the adjustment being one-half of the resident ~~state-support on-campus~~ tuition rate. This benefit is available because the cost is being covered by funds appropriated to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.
- B. **Reduced Tuition Benefit for Employees of the State of South Dakota:** State employees attending a University Center, who meet the eligibility requirements for

reduced tuition, will receive the same tuition reduction as that provided ~~for on state-support on-campus~~ courses up to a maximum of six credit hours per semester. The benefit will equal one-half the resident ~~state-support on-campus~~ tuition rate for undergraduate ~~or~~ and graduate courses for any face-to-face course at a Center. ~~The University Center—Sioux Falls Foundations courses are not eligible for the state employee discount.~~

C. Reduced Tuition Benefit for Elementary or Secondary Teacher or Vocational Instructor: (SDCL ch. 13-55-24): Certain elementary and secondary school teachers and vocational instructors pursuing any undergraduate or graduate off-campus course, distance education course, or other course not subsidized by the general fund, will receive the same tuition reduction as that provided for on-campus courses. The benefit will equal one-half the resident on-campus tuition rate.

Eligibility is limited to teachers and vocational instructors who:

- 1) are bona fide residents of South Dakota;
- 2) are employed by an accredited school as a teacher as defined in Title 13;
- 3) are required by state law, administrative rules or an employment contract to attend college as a condition of employment or to maintain a certificate to teach;
- 4) are certified as eligible for this program by the school district or private school by which they are employed; and
- 5) maintain an average academic grade of 3.0 or better.

The right of any teacher or vocational instructor to participate in this tuition reduction is limited to the space available, as determined by the president or designee; in any course after all of the full-time or full tuition paying students have registered.

An eligible teacher or vocational instructor may receive the tuition reduction for a maximum of six credit hours per academic year. For the purposes of this section, the academic year shall begin with the fall semester and include all of the following summer.

SOURCE: BOR, October 2004, June 2011, April 2013, May 2013, December 2014, May 2016.