

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Full Board**

**AGENDA ITEM: L**

**DATE: April 2-3, 2009**

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**SUBJECT: Graduate Assistant Stipends**

Board Policy 5:22(B), *Graduate Assistants and Fellows*, provides for the Board to establish annually a minimum graduate assistant stipend. 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.

The Board has traditionally increased the minimum amount of the graduate assistant stipends by the rate of increase in resident graduate tuition. It is recommended that the stipends increase 4.0% as follows:

<b><u>Graduate Assistant Stipends</u></b>	<b><u>FY09 Rate</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed FY10 Rate</u></b>
Per Semester	\$2,672.00	\$107.00	\$2,779.00
Per 4-Week Session	\$667.50	\$27.25	\$694.75

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Approve the proposed FY10 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$2,799 per semester and \$694.75 per 4-week session.