Budget and Finance

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AGENDA ITEM: 7 – E
DATE: April 3-4, 2024

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SUBJECT
  FY25 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 20240403_7-E:
  I move approval of the BHSU and NSU FY25 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of $3,921 per semester and $980 per four-week session; and USD FY25 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of $4,067 per semester and $1,016 per four-week session.

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

Graduate Assistant Stipends	FY24 Rate	$ Increase	% Increase	FY25 Rate
Per Semester	$3,921	$0	0.0%	$3,921
Per 4-Week Session	$980	$0	0.0%	$980

University of South Dakota (USD)

Graduate Assistant Stipends	FY24 Rate	$ Increase	% Increase	FY25 Rate
Per Semester	$4,067	$0	0.0%	$4,067
Per 4-Week Session	$1,016	$0	0.0%	$1,016

ATTACHMENTS
None