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MEMORANDUM

To: Interim Appropriations Committee Members

From: Monte R. Kramer *monte*

RE: Interim Question Responses

The following information is in response to some outstanding questions from the June Interim meeting. My apologies for the late response.

Representative Putnam: BOR provide the total amount each student will pay for the 4.6% tuition increase.

Average Weighted Total Cost for FY11

	<u>FY10 Cost</u>	<u>FY11 Cost</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Black Hills State University	\$6,641.60	\$6,950.41	\$308.81	4.6%
Dakota State University	\$7,257.60	\$7,600.00	\$342.40	4.7%
Northern State University	\$6,467.20	\$6,774.29	\$307.09	4.7%
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	\$7,569.60	\$7,891.20	\$321.60	4.2%
South Dakota State University	\$6,564.80	\$6,873.68	\$308.88	4.7%
University of South Dakota	\$6,899.20	\$7,212.73	\$313.53	4.5%
<i>System Weighted Cost</i>	<i>\$6,764.58</i>	<i>\$7,076.63</i>	<i>\$312.05</i>	<i>4.6%</i>

Representative Wismer: University of South Dakota library and service positions that would be cut from the FY2011 budget.

Reorganization of the ID Weeks library took place in order to meet the FY11 budget as well as the changing needs of the library. A full-time library clerk position was eliminated, which resulted in the one employee layoff within the department. A 60% library clerk position, a faculty position and a curator position were eliminated/reclassified into a special collection digitizer position, a metadata cataloging position and two graduate assistant positions. The net result of these changes resulted in a reduction of 1.45 FTE.

Representative Wink: What is the total cost and savings for the M.D. Ph.D. program?

Reduced the MD/PhD program annual class size from 4 to 2, and redirected the 2 admissions per year to expand the current MD program from 50 to 52 per year. The reduction will result in elimination of a .1 FTE MD/PhD Academic Coordinator, .5 FTE assistant professor, .5 FTE associate professor, two .5 FTE graduate assistants, and reduction of operating expenses (primarily mission based management contractual services). This direction saved \$220,790.

The national average ratio of MD/PhD students to MD students is 1:23. The SSOM MD/PhD program ratio is currently 1:12. This reduction will align the size of the SSOM MD/PhD program to national norms. The MD/PHD program is important to the SSOM and South Dakota. It attracts the best and brightest and those students raise the academic standards and expectations of the entire class. The SSOM national accrediting body, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education viewed the MD/PhD program as a new strength in improving the research and scholarly environment in which medical students are educated. MD teaching faculty report medical students are more inquisitive during their clinical rotations than prior to the advent of the MD/PhD students.

The general fund and tuition fund base budget for the program (before the FY11 cuts of \$220,790) was \$870,492 before the FY11 cuts of \$220,790. This included \$812,185 on state appropriated funds and \$58,307 on tuition and USF funds. The balance of the budget supporting the program and students is restricted funds, with 8 of the 10 MDPHD students funded through restricted funds, in addition to a portion of the MDPHD program director's salary. These restricted funds also support the benefits as well as cover operating expenses related to the research that is being conducted. USD is meeting their total contribution of nearly \$300,000 through these additional fund sources.

Senator Hunhoff: The number of students in the forensics technology and their respective start dates at Dakota State University.

As part of the program productivity review process, DSU submitted a request to place the B.S. in Scientific Forensic Technology on inactive status, effective Summer 2010. The program was originally approved by the BOR in 2004 and first appeared in the DSU catalog in 2005-2006. The enrollment information below was included in the program productivity report submitted to the BOR at the March 2010 meeting.

Summary of Graduates:					
2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	Total Graduates	Average # Graduates
0	0	2	1	3	0.75
Current Enrollments: 17					
Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors		
10	1	2	4		

No new students were accepted into the program for AY10-11 and a teach-out plan has been provided for those students currently in the degree program. Academic advisors will also help SFT students transition to other degree programs at DSU, if they'd prefer to do that. With the termination of this program, we would save \$55,000 in faculty salary because we will not hire a Scientific Forensic coordinator/Physical Science assistant professor, a position which became open last year.

Please let us know if you need additional information on any of the above issues.