

**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

NO.: FAAP 08-17

BOARD DATE: February 29, 2008

**STATE COLLEGES
RESIDENT GRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby adopts the following resident graduate tuition rates for state-supported programs at the state colleges for Fiscal Year 2009.

	Change	Annual Resident Graduate Tuition
Bridgewater State College	\$0	\$1,675
Fitchburg State College	\$0	\$1,675
Framingham State College	\$0	\$1,675
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	\$1,675
Salem State College	\$0	\$1,675
Westfield State College	\$0	\$1,675
Worcester State College	\$0	\$1,675

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(i)

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Background

Tuition and fee setting guidelines for the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and Massachusetts Maritime Academy are outlined in the "Five-Year New Partnership Plans," approved by the Board in FY2004. Under the Partnership Plans, tuition rates are set by the board of trustees of each institution, and revenue is retained by the campus.

Pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, any material change to the five-year plan, as approved by the Board of Higher Education in FY2004, including any change to the projection for total student charges, shall require approval of that change by the Board of Higher Education.

Proposed student charges for FY2009 at both institutions were reviewed by Board staff and are within the projections outlined in the five-year plan; action by the Board, therefore, is not required.