

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
February 29, 2008

The February 29, 2008, meeting of the Board of Higher Education (BHE) was held at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Massachusetts, on February 29, 2008. The following members were present:

Frederick W. Clark, Jr., Chairman
Peter Alcock, Vice Chairman
Jeanne-Marie Boylan
John Brockelman
James Coyle

Katie Forgues
C. Bernard Fulp
Jeffrey Nellhaus
Ann Reale
Henry Thomas

ABSENT: Dr. Nancy Harrington

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dr. Gail Carberry, President of Quinsigamond Community College (QCC), welcomed the Board of Higher Education to the College.

President Carberry reported that QCC has 6,350 students and is the fastest growing members of the community college system. Over 10,000 students are served annually. One-third of the students receive need-based financial aid, two-thirds require remedial services, one-third are first-generation college students, one-third belong to the minority, and one-third of the students are enrolled as transfer students. Students are enrolled in a variety of studies—including nursing, criminal justice, and engineering, a program that has grown tremendously and now includes 130 students. She told the Board that 92 percent of QCC graduates stay in the Worcester area and that 98 percent of the graduates recommend QCC to others.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Frederick W. Clark, Jr., thanked President Carberry for hosting the Board meeting and an earlier breakfast with QCC students.

He welcomed and introduced C. Bernard Fulp, a newly appointed member of the BHE. Mr. Fulp said he was delighted to have the opportunity to promote public higher education in Massachusetts. He said that it was an honor and a pleasure to serve on the Board, and he hoped that he could further public higher education in the Commonwealth.

Chairman Clark announced that former Salem State College President Nancy Harrington has also been appointed recently to the Board but is on vacation in Florida today; she will be present at the April Board meeting.

The Board was informed of details of Article 87, effective March 10, 2008, which creates a Secretary of Education. Though the title of the Board of Higher Education remains the same, its Chancellor will become Commissioner, and its staff will be called the Department of Higher Education. Board membership will increase from 11 to 13. The Chairman noted that these changes and this opportunity will enhance public higher education.

Board members were told that the Capital Bond Bill is now with the Capital Bond Committee, where it is hoped that it will move out of Committee within the next 30 days. Chairman Clark encouraged Board members and all in the audience to promote the passage of this Bill.

Chairman Clark reported that he and Commissioner Plummer testified recently to advocate for the Board's budget, which demonstrates the Board's needs. He thanked Ms. Jan Motta, Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Community Colleges; Kenneth Lemanski, Executive Officer, of the Massachusetts State Colleges; Commissioner Plummer, and BHE staff for their support.

The Board was informed that an advertisement for a Commissioner will be placed within the next two weeks by the Commissioner Search Task Force.

It was also announced that Governor Deval Patrick, by proclamation, has designated March 31-April 4, 2008, as Massachusetts Public Higher Education Week. This is the first time public higher education has been so highly recognized. A "Friends of Higher Education" dinner will be held on April 4, 2008, honoring those who have helped public higher education over the years, including Senator Edward Kennedy.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Chancellor Patricia Plummer recognized Commissioners Jeffrey Nellhaus and Ann Reale for their work with the Board of Higher Education. This will be the last BHE meeting that Ms. Reale and Mr. Nellhaus will attend as Board members. Ms. Reale, who has been Budget Director and Education Advisor to the Governor, has worked with the BHE on many education-related issues and has been a member of the Financial Aid Task Force. Chancellor Plummer complimented her as someone who knows the issues, is a great contributor, and has been a tremendous asset while building a new Department of Early Education and Care.

Mr. Nellhaus was cited for his excellent leadership in working with the BHE on the National Governors' Association project, which she described as the cornerstone of P-16 education in Massachusetts. As a result, an enormous amount of valuable results has been achieved. Establishing core curriculum was a significant project, and Mr. Nellhaus was instrumental in making the project successful. He also led with Commissioner Plummer the building of the K-12 database. DOE and BHE will be honored in March with an Award of Excellence from the New England Board of Higher Education for their work together on this important project. Mr. Nellhaus has also been involved with statewide alignment issues between high school and college. He has also been heavily involved with the Web Portal, including www.ReadySetGotoCollege.com, which in many ways will help students from as early as middle school to prepare to attend college. Its goal is to improve college and career readiness and prepare a more educated workforce in the Commonwealth's economy.

Mr. Nellhaus replied that it has been a pleasure for him to serve on the Board of Higher Education. He told the Board that Dr. Mitchell Dan Chester will become the new Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, effective in May. He said that he hoped that the strong working relationship established between BHE and DOE will continue between the newly named Department of Higher Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Announcements from Chancellor Plummer included the following

- The Student Leadership Conference will be held on March 28, 2008, at Framingham State College.
- A Transfer Symposium for college presidents and campus academic officers will take place on May 10, 2008, at the Museum of Science in Boston.
- \$3.2 million, provided by the Economic Stimulus Bill, has been distributed recently for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) use to our public higher education campuses.
- In April \$275,000 will be released for SimMan mannequins to be distributed across the state.

REPORTS FROM PRESIDENTS

Dr. Robert Antonucci reported that the state colleges are trying to increase STEM courses and add faculty, and he expressed the importance of investing in this area in terms of providing adequate programs. Dr. Antonucci spoke of the responsibility of public higher education leaders to assure that their graduates have the necessary skills to succeed.

Dr. Antonucci spoke of the urgency of the passage of the Capital Bond Bill, stressing that new buildings and renovations are critically needed on the state college campuses; Fitchburg State College, for example, has not had a new building since 1965. He urged that everyone work hard to assure passage of this Bill before June.

The state colleges have been working on the Sibson Report, Dr. Antonucci reported. Low faculty salaries hurt the colleges in recruitment and retention of good faculty.

On the operating budget, Dr. Antonucci reported that the state college leadership is disappointed with the House budget. Fees will need to be raised if the state colleges do not receive necessary appropriations. Additional funds to reduce fees are also needed. He said that the state colleges join the community colleges in assuring that the best education possible is offered to public higher education students.

On behalf of the community colleges, Dr. Terrence Gomes thanked Jeffrey Nellhaus and Ann Reale for their work. He agreed with Dr. Antonucci that faculty should be adequately compensated for their contributions to their students and to the campuses at which they work.

Dr. Gomes also commented that it is important to be mindful of the budget process and that the community colleges need additional resources. The community college presidents are supportive of the BHE budget. He reported that a number of public higher education leaders will be meeting with Representative DeLeo next week to apprise him of the needs of the community colleges. Dr. Gomes appealed to all to support the movement of the Capital Bond Bill, as renovations and new buildings are needed at the community college campuses.

Achieving the Dream representatives will be visiting Achieving the Dream community college campuses in April to meet with college leadership and data teams toward increasing the collection and use of data toward building the culture of evidence.

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Peter Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and Benefits Administration, introduced Mr. Joe Domingos, President of the Association of Professional Administrators (APA) of the Massachusetts State College System. He read a prepared statement that included a history of his 34 years in the state college system. Mr. Domingos referred to a Salary Cap Comparison Chart that showed that APA members have lagged behind in salary increases compared to MSCA and the University of Massachusetts faculty.

To make up for the losses, the APA is requesting a salary increase of at least 4.5 percent, effective January 2008, to close the salary gap and upcoming raises to be on the same cycle with other higher education unions for the 2008-2011 contract cycle, effective July 2008, July 2009, and July 2010. He asked the Board of Higher Education, the employer of APA employees, to correct this situation in the current bargaining negotiations.

Chairman Clark thanked Mr. Domingos for his address and then at 12:15 p.m. called for a ten-minute recess.

INCLUSIVE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

At 12:25 p.m., the Board of Higher Education reconvened, and a presentation on Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment for Students with Disabilities was given by Julia Landau, Esquire, of the Massachusetts Advocates for Children; Madeline Levine of the Department of Education; and Shelley Tinkham of the Board of Higher Education. Ms. Landau explained to the Board that a pilot program provides partnerships between high schools and public higher institutions of learning to offer students, 18-22 years, who have not passed MCAS, the opportunity to participate in inclusive college courses with necessary services and supports. The students benefit by taking college courses, learning social skills, and improving their self-advocacy skills. Some learn to travel independently, learn work skills through college internships, and improve their academic, employment and functional skills. Ms. Landau said that Massachusetts is a leader with this program in what she predicted will become a national trend in serving disabled students, and she thanked Chancellor Plummer for her vision and commitment to disabled students. She also thanked the Governor, legislators, President Carberry and

Laurie Cochran for their support; Quinsigamond Community College was one of the first partners before state legislation provided support for the program. She added that the students in this program are the best ambassadors of the program.

Two students were introduced, Cassidy Bauer, a culinary arts student at Quinsigamond Community College; and Wilson Lee, a massage therapy student at Massachusetts Bay Community College. Both spoke of their positive experiences in taking courses in a college environment.

Chancellor Plummer recognized Presidents Charles Wall of Massasoit Community College, Daniel Asquino of Mount Wachusett Community College, Wayne Burton from North Shore Community College and Gail Carberry from Quinsigamond Community College for their leadership in promoting this program.

Chairman Clark thanked all the presenters and commented that *The Boston Globe* featured recently an article about the Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment program. He said that it was a benefit to the students involved in the program and to the other students who learn from them.

Mr. James Coyle, the parent of a daughter with cerebral palsy, offered to help with the program in any way he could. He said that he knows from personal experience that the general population of students learns from those who have disabilities.

MOTIONS

Mr. John Brockelman, Chairman of the Access and Accountability brought forth the following motion, stating that this is the fifth year of reporting rigorous accountability.

BHE 08-07 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT REPORT

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby accepts the *2007 Performance Measurement Report*.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 7A(g)

Contact: Jonathan Keller, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Planning

Mr. Brockelman introduced Dr. Jonathan Keller, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Planning, who presented PowerPoint highlights of the *2007 Performance Measurement Report* for all state and community college campuses, except the specialty colleges—Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Massachusetts College of Arts and Design. The four major areas of measurable outcomes were reviewed:

1. **Access:** A two-year \$2 million grant from the National Governors Association has allowed collaboration between the BHE and the Department of Higher Education (DOE) to encourage access through the development of a School-to-College database, a multimedia advertising campaign, a college and career Web portal, early assessment of college readiness in the 11th grade, and a recommended core curriculum that will better align high school graduation requirements with college entrance requirements.

Fall and annual enrollment at both state and community colleges has experienced slight increases and has remained stable. Fall and annual combined minority enrollment has increased over 7 percent in the past three years, paving the way for a diverse Commonwealth workforce.

There has been increased transfer of community college students to the state college or University system.

2. **Affordability:** The MASSGrant Program received an increase of \$534,000 from FY06 to FY07 to alleviate college students' financial burdens, and in FY09, the BHE requested an addition \$17.1 million to increase the amount of financial support for eligible college students up to the middle income bracket. The Performance Measurement Task Force is currently working on the development of new indicators to provide an accurate assessment of unmet financial need and expects to use them in the 2008 report.

Both state college and community college tuition and fees were lower than other colleges in the Northeast regional area by 9 percent and 5 percent, respectively, as compared to similar institutions. Fees, however, continue to rise at our public higher education institutions to cover operating costs.

3. **Student Success:** There has been a steady increase in the graduation rate of state college students and hopes of increasing this rate to 50 percent by 2010, while other cohorts favorably report the increase in state college graduation rates, as well.

The BHE will continue its work with the Community College Executive Office to develop indicators to measure community college success.

First-year retention rates at the state colleges dropped 2 percent to 74 percent (the same as the national average), though the state colleges hope to reach a goal of 80 percent retention by 2010. Retention for community colleges remained stable at 55 percent.

At the state colleges, there was an increase of 12 percent for degrees and certificates conferred over the past three years. The community colleges' rate dropped by less than 1 percent.

The community college pass rate for students taking the nursing exam was 87 percent, two percentage points above its target pass rate.

4. **Fiscal Efficiency and Responsibility:** In FY2007 all of the state and community colleges had unqualified audits with no significant findings. FY2007 was also a good year for state and community college fund raising.

After general discussion among Board members regarding the results of the *2007 Performance Measurement Report*, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Chairman Clark introduced Mr. Peter Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and Benefits Administration, who informed the Board that the BHE is the state employer of record to the Massachusetts Community College Council (MCCC), the state faculty, to the Massachusetts State College Association, and to the Massachusetts Teachers Association. In 1998, the BHE contracted with DMG-MAXIMUS (DMG) to conduct a classification and compensation study for the Massachusetts Community College System. Mr. Tsaffaras presented a PowerPoint *Community College Classification Study—2007 Market Update*. The BHE established two key assumptions for DMG to follow in the development of its pay plan:

1. Compensation rates should be based on a market survey of public two-year colleges in ten similarly situated states. For 2007 those states were California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington.
2. Compensation for faculty and unit professional staff should be benchmarked at the 75th percentile of average salaries in the survey group.

Mr. Tsaffaras reported that the analysis of the MCCC data point to the increase of \$7,645 (13.85 percent) increase in faculty salaries at the recommended 75th percentile. He told the Board that, because of low faculty salaries, the community colleges endure recruitment and retention problems.

Chairman Clark told the Board that it is the responsibility of the Board to convey to the Administration and legislators that the results of this Report indicate an urgent need to respond to the needs of community college faculty. The study will be formally submitted to the Governor.

The following motion, introduced by Chairman Clark, was seconded and approved unanimously.

BHE 08-08 COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASSIFICATION STUDY—2007 MARKET UPDATE

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby accepts the market update, dated October 2007 of the Community College Classification Study, as prepared by the Archer Company.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 150E

Contact: Peter H. Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and Benefit Administration

Mr. Tsaffaras next introduced Ms. Karen Hutcheson, Senior Vice President of Sibson Company, who delivered a PowerPoint presentation on her Company's *Massachusetts State Colleges 2007 Faculty Salary Study*. Prior studies have been conducted in 2004 and 2006, and the same methodology used then was used in the recent study. All state colleges were included in the Study. The Study reported that "state colleges are at considerable disadvantage in their ability to offer salaries comparable to institutions in competitive states." Further, the *Study* reports a downturn toward increasing salaries.

Chairman Clark brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

BHE 08-09 STATE COLLEGE FACULTY SALARY STUDY—2007 MARKET UPDATE

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby accepts the update of the State College Salary Market Study for Faculty and Librarians, dated January 2008, as prepared by Sibson Consulting.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 150E

Contact: Peter H. Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and Benefit Administration

Chairman Clark brought forth the following motion, explaining that this action was approved recently by the Executive Committee. Every public college president will be granted housing or a housing allowance in the future. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

BHE 08-10 APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN COMPENSATION FOR PRESIDENT KATHERINE SLOAN

MOVED: Notwithstanding the provisions of any policy, rule, or regulation to the contrary and after consideration and review of the request from the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, dated July 18, 2007, the Board of Higher Education approves a housing allowance for President Katherine Sloan of \$9,000 per year, retroactive to July 1, 2007.

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

Contact: Peter H. Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and Benefit Administration

Chairman Clark brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

BHE 08-11 APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN COMPENSATION FOR PRESIDENT CHARLES WALL

MOVED: Notwithstanding the provisions of any policy, rule, or regulation to the contrary and after consideration and review of the request from the Board of Trustees of Massasoit Community College, dated August 31, 2007, the Board of Higher Education approves a salary increase for President Charles Wall of \$5,000 per year, retroactive to July 1, 2007.

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

Contact: Peter H. Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and Benefit Administration

Each of the following motions (FAAP 08-13 through FAAP 08-22) was introduced by Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan, Chair of the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee. All the motions were seconded and approved unanimously.

FAAP 08-13 COMMUNITY COLLEGES RESIDENT TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education adopts the following resident tuition rates at the community colleges for Fiscal Year 2009:

	Change	Rate Per Credit	Annual Resident Tuition
Berkshire Community College	\$0	\$26	\$780
Bristol Community College	\$0	\$24	\$720
Bunker Hill Community College	\$0	\$24	\$720
Cape Cod Community College	\$0	\$24	\$720
Greenfield Community College	\$0	\$26	\$780
Holyoke Community College	\$0	\$24	\$720
Massachusetts Bay Community College	\$0	\$24	\$720
Massasoit Community College	\$0	\$24	\$720
Middlesex Community College	\$0	\$24	\$720
Mount Wachusett Community College	\$0	\$25	\$750
North Shore Community College	\$0	\$25	\$750
Northern Essex Community College	\$0	\$25	\$750
Quinsigamond Community College	\$0	\$24	\$720
Roxbury Community College	\$0	\$26	\$780
Springfield Technical Community College	\$0	\$25	\$750

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i)
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

FAAP 08-14 COMMUNITY COLLEGES NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education adopts the following non-resident tuition rates at the community colleges for Fiscal Year 2009:

	Change	Rate Per Credit	Annual Non-Resident Tuition
Berkshire Community College	\$0	\$275	\$8,250
Bristol Community College	\$0	\$230	\$6,900
Bunker Hill Community College	\$0	\$230	\$6,900
Cape Cod Community College	\$0	\$230	\$6,900
Greenfield Community College	\$0	\$281	\$8,430
Holyoke Community College	\$0	\$230	\$6,900
Massachusetts Bay Community College	\$0	\$230	\$6,900
Massasoit Community College	\$0	\$230	\$6,900
Middlesex Community College	\$0	\$230	\$6,900
Mount Wachusett Community College	\$0	\$230	\$6,900
North Shore Community College	\$0	\$257	\$7,710
Northern Essex Community College	\$0	\$266	\$7,980
Quinsigamond Community College	\$0	\$230	\$6,900
Roxbury Community College	\$0	\$281	\$8,430
Springfield Technical Community College	\$0	\$242	\$7,260

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i)
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

FAAP 08-15 STATE COLLEGES UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education adopts the following resident undergraduate tuition rates at The state colleges for Fiscal Year 2009:

	Change	Annual Resident Undergraduate Tuition
Bridgewater State College	\$0	\$ 910
Fitchburg State College	\$0	\$ 970
Framingham State College	\$0	\$ 970
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	\$1,030
Salem State College	\$0	\$ 910
Westfield State College	\$0	\$ 970
Worcester State College	\$0	\$ 970

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i)
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

FAAP 08-16 STATE COLLEGES *NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE* TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education adopts the following non-resident undergraduate tuition rates at the state colleges for Fiscal Year 2009:

	Change	Annual Non-Resident Undergraduate Tuition
Bridgewater State College	\$0	\$7,050
Fitchburg State College	\$0	\$7,050
Framingham State College	\$0	\$7,050
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	\$9,975
Salem State College	\$0	\$7,050
Westfield State College	\$0	\$7,050
Worcester State College	\$0	\$7,050

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i)
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

FAAP 08-17 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 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)
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

FAAP 08-18 STATE COLLEGES *NON-RESIDENT GRADUATE TUITION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009*

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

	Change	Annual Non-Resident Graduate Tuition
Bridgewater State College	\$0	\$7,050
Fitchburg State College	\$0	\$7,050
Framingham State College	\$0	\$7,050
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	\$9,975
Salem State College	\$0	\$7,050
Westfield State College	\$0	\$7,050
Worcester State College	\$0	\$7,050

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

Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

FAAP 08-19 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS *RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009*

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the following resident undergraduate tuition rates for state-supported programs at the University of Massachusetts for Fiscal Year 2009.

	Change	Annual Resident Undergraduate Tuition
University of Massachusetts Amherst	\$0	\$1,714
University of Massachusetts Boston	\$0	\$1,714
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	\$0	\$1,417
University of Massachusetts Lowell	\$0	\$1,454

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

Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

FAAP 08-20 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS *NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009*

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the following non-resident undergraduate tuition rates for state-supported programs at the University of Massachusetts for Fiscal Year 2009.

	Change	Annual Non-Resident Undergraduate Tuition
University of Massachusetts Amherst	\$0	\$9,937
University of Massachusetts Boston	\$0	\$9,758
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	\$0	\$8,099
University of Massachusetts Lowell	\$0	\$8,567

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

Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

FAAP 08-21 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS *RESIDENT GRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009*

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

	Change	Annual Resident Graduate Tuition
University of Massachusetts Amherst	\$0	\$2,640
University of Massachusetts Boston	\$0	\$2,590
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	\$0	\$2,071
University of Massachusetts Lowell	\$0	\$2,183
University of Massachusetts Worcester Medical	\$0	n/a
University of Massachusetts Worcester Graduate	\$0	\$2,640

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i)
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

Ms. Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

FAAP 08-22 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS *NON-RESIDENT GRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009*

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

	Change	Annual Non-Resident Graduate Tuition
University of Massachusetts Amherst	\$0	\$9,937
University of Massachusetts Boston	\$0	\$9,758
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	\$0	\$8,099
University of Massachusetts Lowell	\$0	\$8,567
University of Massachusetts Worcester Medical	\$0	n/a
University of Massachusetts Worcester Graduate	\$0	\$9,856

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i)
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

Ms. Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

FAAP 08-23 ALTERNATIVE NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES—BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education adopts the following alternative tuition rates and enrollment caps for new students at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Berkshire Community College for Fiscal Year 2009:

Tuition	Change	Rate Per Credit	Alternative Tuition
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	-	\$1,545
Berkshire Community College	\$0	\$39	\$1,170

Enrollment for New Students	# of Students	Change
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Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	200	-
Berkshire Community College	100	-

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i)
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

Ms. Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

FAAP 08-24 FISCAL YEAR 2009 CASH GRANT AWARDS

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education allocates cash grant awards, contingent upon state funding, to institutions of public higher education for Fiscal Year 2009, as attached.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i) and 16
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

Ms. Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

FAAP 08-25 FISCAL YEAR 2009 NEED-BASED TUITION WAIVER AWARDS

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education requires that each institution provide a program of need-based tuition waivers to qualifying students and authorizes the Chancellor to administer the Need-based Tuition Waiver Program at the level of \$18,095,495 for Fiscal Year 2009 with institutional need-based tuition waiver awards not to exceed the allocation, as attached.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i) and 19
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

Ms. Boylan brought forth the following motion. She then introduced Edward Adelman, Executive Director, and Kate Murray, Assistant Director, of the Massachusetts State College Building Authority. Mr. Adelman informed the Board that this certificate, a \$267 (6 percent) increase from last year, is sufficient to cover necessary services. Presently, there are 12,633 students housed on state college campuses. The average cost per year is \$4,733. He gave a PowerPoint presentation, which charted the summary of rents, the uses of the average rent and average rent increases, representative room rents, the cost of utilities, the Housing Grant Program, and public and private rent comparisons.

Mr. Thomas expressed his concern about student affordability of housing, especially with the downturn in the economy. Mr. Adelman told the Board about the Housing Grant Program, which provides financial aid to students; about 9 percent of students received 20 percent of the cost of their housing cost. Next year, Mr. Adelman expects the increase of rent to be approximately 5 percent.

The following motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

FAAP 08-26 FISCAL YEAR 2009 MSCBA RENT CERTIFICATE

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the attached Fiscal Year 2009 residence hall rent schedules, effective July 1, 2008, provided that any subsequent adjustment in the rent schedules shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Higher Education.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 73 App., Section 1-9, as amended, and the *Contract for Financial Assistance, Management and Services*, dated February 1, 2003, made between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts State College Building Authority.
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

Ms. Boylan brought forth the following motion. She then introduced Dr. Dale Hamel, who told the Board that Framingham State College will incur the cost of this study.

C. Bernard Fulp asked if there were any liabilities associated with the mold issues, and Dr. Hamel responded that there were none.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

FAAP 08-27 APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH A FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE PROGRAM STUDY

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby gives Framingham State College approval to proceed with a program study to address mold issues in Hemenway Hall and add specialized instructional space capacity, including laboratory, classroom and administrative space. This approval is given with the understanding that Framingham State College is responsible for all costs related to the study and that it will not proceed with design and construction until the Board of Higher Education gives its approval to proceed.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9

Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor for Student Financial Assistance

CAMPUS SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION: EMERGENCY MESSAGING SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION

The following were present to report on progress with the public college and University Emergency Messaging System:

- William Davis, Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Information Officer, Bridgewater State College
- Marc Eichen, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Massachusetts Bay Community College
- David Gray, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, University of Massachusetts
- Bradford Ridley, Senior Director of Policy Planning and Risk Management, University of Massachusetts

The above displayed a PowerPoint presentation, covering the following topics:

- The project goals are to initiate rapid communication during emergency events to students and employees via the mobile devices they carry, to leverage support across the BHE, Legislature, the Executive Branch, and other state agencies, and to ensure accelerated communication, thorough procurement.
- Communication in context includes the use of a mobile alert system as one of the many methods of effective incident managements. Campuses establish clear lines of responsibility for emergency planning and incident management, and campus teams plan how and what to communicate.
- Voice and text-to-mobile devices are inexpensive, fast, and ubiquitous. The downside is that owners often turn off their phones or do not read their messages; thus, there may be delays in receipt of messages. Phone numbers are portable and must be moved by owner. In messaging, 160 characters is the limit.
- The selection process for choosing a vendor included quickness, simplicity, resiliency, reliability, and a solid emergency/SMS function with the flexibility to use other applications. Dialogic Communications Corporation (DCC) was chosen as the vendor in August 2007. DCC optimizes multiple hardened, standards-compliant data centers, the capacity to optimize calling loads to telecomm load limits, has demonstrated high-volume success, and offers sophisticated planning for worst-case scenarios
- The advanced capabilities of the system include multimode communication (seek to broadcast to cell, office, or home), multiple ways to initiate notifications (Web, telephone, PDA), reporting in near real time, interactive response, scenario libraries, and integration with campus directory services.
- Implementation of the system includes system ownership among information technology professionals, emergency planners and communication directors.

- Currently, six state colleges are operational with greater than 50 percent participation from students and faculty. The remaining three state colleges will be operational by March 31, 2008. Six community colleges are operational; target date for the remaining community colleges is March 31, 2008.

Chancellor Plummer told the Board that the \$250,000 appropriation and funding from IT have been well utilized through implementation of this program. Chairman Clark and Chancellor Plummer thanked Messrs. Davis, Eichen, Gray and Ridley for their prompt and successful implementation of the Emergency Response System.

Chancellor Plummer mentioned another aspect of campus safety. The BHE has engaged a consultant to assess health and public safety on our public campuses. We will receive an update from him in April on campus violence prevention.

SCHOOL-TO-COLLEGE STATE REPORT

Chancellor Plummer introduced Dr. Mario Delci, Senior Policy Analyst, and remarked that she was very proud of the first *School-to-College Report*, the result of collaboration between the BHE and DOE data policy team members. Chairman Clark applauded the great leadership of Chancellor Plummer and Commissioner Nellhaus and acknowledged the generous support of the National Governors Association and the Nellie Mae Foundation in the development of this *Report*. This *Report* provides detailed information on how the Commonwealth's public high school graduates perform at public colleges and universities.

Dr. Delci told the Board that this is the first time that public secondary schools will receive this type of report, and the findings of this *Report* will be presented at regional college readiness workshops in April.

Both Chairman Clark and Chancellor Plummer praised the accomplishment of this endeavor, which has been regarded nationally as a role model for interagency data sharing, reporting and assessment.

A question-and-answer period followed, with Jacob Oliveira asking how the Board could better address high school proficiency for low-income student. It was Mr. Oliveira's hope that improving proficiency among low-income high school students would become a major priority.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Clark asked if Board members had other business to address. There was no additional business.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Edward Adelman, Executive Director of the Massachusetts State College Building Authority, referring to the presentation on the Emergency Messaging System, commented on the positive aspects of the System, including that it is resourceful to the deaf and hard of hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.