

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

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy      **NO.:** FAAP 06-21  
**COMMITTEE DATE:** February 9, 2006  
**BOARD DATE:** February 16, 2006

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**FISCAL YEAR 2007 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 2007 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:** Kurt T. Steinberg, Associate Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Policy

## **Background**

Tuition waiver allocation decisions are based on student financial need, which is defined as allowances per student for tuition and fees, books, room and board, and transportation minus expected family contribution. Aggregate student financial need is determined by:

- a) the amount of aggregate financial need of public higher education students,
- b) the amount of current financial aid grant support provided, and
- c) the total unmet financial need.

Allocation of need-based tuition waivers, coupled with need-based cash grant funding, support the Community College and State College Access Grant programs. This motion recommends holding level authorized tuition waiver funding for FY2007. The Board of Higher Education will conduct a mid-year review of the tuition waiver program. The Board of Higher Education, based upon the results of the mid-year review, may redistribute unused tuition waivers dollars.

## Attachment

### Distribution of Need-Based Tuition Waivers by Campus for Fiscal Year 2007:

| <u>University</u>                     | <u>Recommended<br/>Tuition Waiver Allocations</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| University of Massachusetts Amherst   | \$3,516,568                                       |
| University of Massachusetts Boston    | \$2,094,283                                       |
| University of Massachusetts Dartmouth | \$1,102,983                                       |
| University of Massachusetts Lowell    | <u>\$1,363,879</u>                                |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$8,077,713</b>                                |
| <br>                                  |   |
| <u>State College</u>                  |   |
| Bridgewater State College             | \$914,766   |
| Fitchburg State College               | \$415,618   |
| Framingham State College              | \$423,950   |
| Massachusetts College of Art          | \$208,412   |
| Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts | \$283,074   |
| Massachusetts Maritime Academy        | \$106,837   |
| Salem State College                   | \$962,329   |
| Westfield State College               | \$448,841   |
| Worcester State College               | <u>\$501,409</u>                                  |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$4,265,236</b>                                |
| <br>                                  |   |
| <u>Community College</u>              |   |
| Berkshire Community College           | \$167,643   |
| Bristol Community College             | \$563,372   |
| Bunker Hill Community College         | \$447,373   |
| Cape Cod Community College            | \$245,488   |
| Greenfield Community College          | \$179,991   |
| Holyoke Community College             | \$495,823   |
| Massachusetts Bay Community College   | \$254,165   |
| Massasoit Community College           | \$379,072   |
| Middlesex Community College           | \$371,002   |
| Mount Wachusett Community College     | \$298,986   |
| North Shore Community College         | \$586,879   |
| Northern Essex Community College      | \$439,853   |
| Quinsigamond Community College        | \$368,154   |
| Roxbury Community College             | \$372,041   |
| Springfield Tech. Community College   | <u>\$582,703</u>                                  |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$5,752,546</b>                                |
| <br>                                  |   |
| <b>Grand Total:</b>                   | <b>\$18,095,495</b>                               |