

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy **NO.:** FAAP 06-23
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**FISCAL YEAR 2007 ALTERNATIVE NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES
– BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL
ARTS**

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 2007:

<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Tuition Change</u>	<u>Annual Rate Per Credit Hour</u>	<u>Alternative Tuition</u>
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	-	\$1,545
Berkshire Community College	\$0	\$39	\$1,170

<u>Enrollment for New Students</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Change</u>
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	200	-
Berkshire Community College	75	+25

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

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Background

The Alternative Tuition Program allows residents of New York to attend Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Berkshire Community College at tuition rates set at reduced out-of-state rates. The rate currently is set at 150 percent of resident student tuition and mirrors the rate charged to students under the New England Regional Student Program through the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE). New York is not a NEBHE participant.

The Alternative Tuition Program supports efforts at both institutions to increase enrollment. The number of students accepted each year under the alternative tuition arrangement is restricted. In FY06, the maximum number of new alternative tuition students at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts was limited to 200; at Berkshire Community College it was limited to 50. Based on the success of this program at Berkshire Community College, an increase of 25 students is recommended for the Berkshire Community College cap.