

Background

Tuition and fee setting guidelines for the Massachusetts College of Art 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 FY2008 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.