

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

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BOARD DATE: February 29, 2008

**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 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts | 200 | - |
| Berkshire Community College | 100 | - |

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 number of students accepted each year under the alternative tuition arrangement is restricted.

The Alternative Tuition Program supports efforts at both institutions to increase enrollment. The program also provides an important link between the Berkshires and the Albany region as the Commonwealth and the county develop strategies to strengthen and expand the regional economy.

At Berkshire Community College, 77 New York residents are currently enrolled under the alternative tuition program. The College seeks to maintain enrollment at 100 students. At MCLA, 237 New York residents are currently enrolled under the alternative tuition program. In the fall 2009, MCLA anticipates 132 new freshmen and 8 transfer students.