

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

NO.: FAAP 08-25

BOARD DATE: February 29, 2008

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

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 FY2009. 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 2009:

	<u>Recommended Tuition Waiver Allocations</u>
<u>University</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>
Total	\$8,077,713
<u>State College</u>	
Bridgewater State College	\$914,766
Fitchburg State College	\$415,618
Framingham State College	\$423,950
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	\$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>
Total	\$4,265,236
<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>
Total	\$5,752,546
Grand Total:	\$18,095,495