

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy **NO.:** FAAP 14-27
COMMITTEE DATE: March 11, 2014
BOARD DATE: March 18, 2014

STATE UNIVERSITIES
RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education adopts the following resident undergraduate tuition rates at the state universities for Fiscal Year 2015:

	Change	Annual Resident Undergraduate Tuition
Bridgewater State University	\$0	\$910
Fitchburg State University	\$0	\$970
Framingham State University	\$0	\$970
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	\$1,030
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	N/A	N/A
Salem State University	\$0	\$910
Westfield State University	\$0	\$970
Worcester State University	\$0	\$970

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

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(i), provides that the Board of Higher Education shall annually set tuition rates for the University of Massachusetts, the state universities, and the community colleges. The recommendation is for all FY2015 tuition rates to remain the same as FY2014 tuition rates. A review of the current rate structure shall be conducted to inform FY2016 tuition rate approval.

Tuition- and fee-setting guidelines for the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and Massachusetts Maritime Academy are outlined in their partnership plans with the Commonwealth, last approved in FY2010 and FY2004, respectively. 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 plans as approved by the Board of Higher Education, 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 FY2015 at both institutions were reviewed by Board staff and are within the projections outlined in their respective five-year plans; action by the Board, therefore, is not required.