

**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION**

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy      **NO.:** FAAP 14-28

**COMMITTEE DATE:** March 11, 2014

**BOARD DATE:** March 18, 2014

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**STATE UNIVERSITIES**

***NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015***

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

	<b>Change</b>	<b>Annual Non-Resident Undergraduate Tuition</b>
Bridgewater State University	\$0	\$7,050
Fitchburg State University	\$0	\$7,050
Framingham State University	\$0	\$7,050
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	\$9,975
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	N/A	N/A
Salem State University	\$0	\$7,050
Westfield State University	\$0	\$7,050
Worcester State University	\$0	\$7,050

**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 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 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.