

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy **NO.:** FAAP 17-14
COMMITTEE DATE: January 17, 2017
BOARD DATE: January 24, 2017

STATE UNIVERSITIES
RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education adopts the following resident undergraduate tuition rates at the state universities for Fiscal Year 2018:

	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 state universities, and the community colleges. The recommendation is for all FY2018 tuition rates to remain the same as the current tuition rates. Note: In FY18, tuition rates for the University of Massachusetts will be set by the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees in accordance with Tuition Retention legislation passed in the FY16 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Tuition and fee-setting guidelines for the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and Massachusetts Maritime Academy are outlined in their BHE-approved partnership plans with the Commonwealth. 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 FY2018 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.