

**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION**

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy    **NO.:** FAAP 17-15

**COMMITTEE DATE:** January 17, 2017

**BOARD DATE:** January 24, 2017

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**STATE UNIVERSITIES**

***NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018***

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

	<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)

**Contact:**            Sean P. Nelson, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance

## **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 FY2017 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 the "Five-Year New Partnership Plans," as approved by the BHE. 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.