

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy **NO.:** FAAP 09-25

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**ALTERNATIVE NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES –
BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education adopts the following alternative tuition rates and enrollment caps for new students at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Berkshire Community College for Fiscal Year 2010:

	Change	Rate Per Credit	Alternative Tuition
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$0	-	\$1,545
Berkshire Community College	\$0	\$39	\$1,170

Enrollment for New Students	# of Students	Change
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	200	-
Berkshire Community College	100	-

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

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Background

The Alternative Tuition Program allows residents of New York to attend Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Berkshire Community College at tuition rates set at reduced out-of-state rates. The rate currently is set at 150 percent of resident student tuition and mirrors the rate charged to students under the New England Regional Student Program through the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE). New York is not a NEBHE participant.

The number of students accepted each year under the alternative tuition arrangement is restricted.

The Alternative Tuition Program supports efforts at both institutions to increase enrollment. The program also provides an important link between the Berkshires and the Albany region as the Commonwealth and the county develop strategies to strengthen and expand the regional economy.

At Berkshire Community College, 77 New York residents are currently enrolled under the alternative tuition program. The College seeks to maintain enrollment at 100 students. At MCLA, 237 New York residents are currently enrolled under the alternative tuition program. In fall 2009, MCLA anticipates 132 new freshmen and 8 transfer students.