

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy **NO.:** FAAP 10-14

COMMITTEE DATE: January 26, 2010

BOARD DATE: February 2, 2010

STATE COLLEGES

RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education adopts the following resident undergraduate tuition rates at the state colleges for Fiscal Year 2011:

	Change	Annual Resident Undergraduate Tuition
Bridgewater State College	\$0	\$910
Fitchburg State College	\$0	\$970
Framingham State College	\$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 College	\$0	\$910
Westfield State College	\$0	\$970
Worcester State College	\$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 colleges, and the community colleges. The recommendation is for all FY2011 tuition rates to remain the same as FY2010 tuition rates. A review of the current rate structure shall be conducted to inform FY2012 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 FY2011 at both institutions were reviewed by Board staff and are within the projections outlined in the five-year plan; action by the Board, therefore, is not required.