

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy **NO.:** FAAP 11-01
COMMITTEE DATE: January 25, 2011
BOARD DATE: February 1, 2011

APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2012 NEED-BASED TUITION WAIVER AWARDS

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education requires that each institution provide a program of need-based tuition waivers to qualifying students and authorizes the Commissioner to administer the Need-Based Tuition Waiver Program at the level of \$19,905,043 for Fiscal Year 2012 with institutional need-based tuition waiver awards not to exceed the allocation, as attached.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i) and 19
Contact: Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Senior Deputy Commissioner, Access and Student Financial Assistance

Background

Each year the Board of Higher Education approves the total of Need-Based Tuition Waivers to be expended at Massachusetts public higher education campuses. Tuition Waivers do not offer any net revenue opportunities to the institutions, as they stand for tuition dollars that would otherwise be collected and remitted to the Commonwealth's General Fund.

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2012, Need-Based Tuition Waivers will be allocated to institutions based on a weighted formula that considers a student's ability to contribute to the overall cost of their education. Annual enrollment and student financial aid data will be used to calculate allocations for each institution. Over the past two years, the Department of Higher Education has held meetings to discuss the implementation of a weighted formula with members of the public college financial aid community and various campus representatives. The DHE has received favorable agreement from institutions regarding the fairness of the proposed formula and its impact on allocations.

The funding model used to determine allocations for the Need-Based Tuition Waiver centers on a weighted formula that is based on three-year average data, is phased-in over two years, and is determined by:

- a) the institution's annual undergraduate enrollment
- b) the number of students that are eligible to receive the Pell Grant, and
- c) the number of students from families at the median income level (Expected Family Income of Pell to 10,000)

This motion recommends a ten percent increase in the authorized tuition waiver expenditure for FY2012, which reflect the demand due to higher enrollment within the public college system over the past two years. The Board of Higher Education will conduct a mid-academic year review of expenditures in the Need-Based Tuition Waiver program and, based upon the findings, may redistribute any unused tuition waiver dollars.

Attachment

Recommended Distribution of Need-Based Tuition Waivers by Campus for Fiscal Year 2012

Name of Institution	FY2011 Award	FY2012 Award
University of Massachusetts Amherst	\$3,516,568	\$3,623,270\$ 3,365,858
University of Massachusetts Boston	\$2,094,283	\$2,302,593\$ 2,267,384
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	\$1,102,983	\$1,367,963\$ 1,554,814
University of Massachusetts Lowell	\$1,363,879	\$1,591,659\$ 1,697,429
Sub Total:	\$8,077,713	\$8,885,484
Bridgewater State College	\$914,766	\$989,241\$9 94,884
Fitchburg State College	\$415,618	\$481,382\$5 02,882
Framingham State College	\$423,950	\$462,653\$4 51,521
Massachusetts College of Art	\$208,412	\$226,108\$2 20,386
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$283,074	\$268,367\$2 13,462
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	\$106,837	\$104,735\$9 2,183
Salem State College	\$962,329	\$1,044,179\$ 1,020,518
Westfield State College	\$448,841	\$552,190\$6 13,650
Worcester State College	\$501,409	\$562,904\$5 82,274
Sub Total:	\$4,265,236	\$4,691,760
Berkshire Community College	\$167,643	\$190,519\$4 90,815
Bristol Community College	\$563,372	\$581,847\$5 38,970
Bunker Hill Community College	\$447,373	\$525,723\$5 03,140
Cape Cod Community College	\$245,488	\$284,848\$3 01,280
Greenfield Community College	\$179,991	\$196,704\$4 96,558
Holyoke Community College	\$495,823	\$544,736\$5 65,680
Massachusetts Bay Community College	\$254,165	\$300,436\$3 59,948
Massasoit Community College	\$379,072	\$437,274\$4

Middlesex Community College	\$371,002	66,106 \$489,515
Mount Wachusett Community College	\$298,986	75,743 \$348,223
North Shore Community College	\$586,879	72,827 \$580,085
Northern Essex Community College	\$439,853	00,812 \$467,188
Quinsigamond Community College	\$368,154	44,943 \$488,348
Roxbury Community College	\$372,041	04,735 \$310,547
Springfield Tech. Community College	\$582,703	93,803 \$581,805
Sub Total:	\$5,752,546	12,439 \$6,327,800
Grand Total:	\$18,095,495	\$19,905,043