

**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION**

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy                      **NO.:** FAAP 09-27  
**COMMITTEE DATE:** January 30, 2009  
**BOARD DATE:** February 5, 2009

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**FISCAL YEAR 2010 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 \$18,095,495 for Fiscal Year 2010 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 votes on the total of Need-Based Tuition Waivers to be expended at the public higher education campuses. Tuition Waivers do not represent any net revenue change to the institutions, as tuition is typically collected and remitted to the Commonwealth's General Fund.

Decisions on how Need-Based Tuition Waivers are allocated to institutions are based on student financial need, which is defined as allowances or Cost of Attendance (tuition and fees, books, room and board, transportation, etc.) minus the Expected Family Contribution.

The amount at which the Need-Based Tuition Waiver is authorized is based on aggregate student financial need, which is determined by:

- a) the amount of aggregate financial need of public higher education students,
- b) the amount of current financial aid grant support provided to public higher education students and
- c) the total unmet financial need of public higher education students.

This motion recommends holding level authorized tuition waiver funding for FY2010. The Board of Higher Education will conduct a mid-year review of expenditures in the Need-Based Tuition Waiver program and, based upon the results, may redistribute unused tuition waiver dollars.

## Attachment

### Recommended Distribution of Need-Based Tuition Waivers by Campus for Fiscal Year 2010

Name of Institution	FY2009 Award	FY2010 Award
University of Massachusetts Amherst	\$3,516,568	\$3,516,568
University of Massachusetts Boston	\$2,094,283	\$2,094,283
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	\$1,102,983	\$1,102,983
University of Massachusetts Lowell	\$1,363,879	\$1,363,879
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>\$8,077,713</b>	<b>\$8,077,713</b>
Bridgewater State College	\$914,766	\$914,766
Fitchburg State College	\$415,618	\$415,618
Framingham State College	\$423,950	\$423,950
Massachusetts College of Art	\$208,412	\$208,412
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	\$283,074	\$283,074
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	\$106,837	\$106,837
Salem State College	\$962,329	\$962,329
Westfield State College	\$448,841	\$448,841
Worcester State College	\$501,409	\$501,409
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>\$4,265,236</b>	<b>\$4,265,236</b>
Berkshire Community College	\$167,643	\$167,643
Bristol Community College	\$563,372	\$563,372
Bunker Hill Community College	\$447,373	\$447,373
Cape Cod Community College	\$245,488	\$245,488
Greenfield Community College	\$179,991	\$179,991
Holyoke Community College	\$495,823	\$495,823
Massachusetts Bay Community College	\$254,165	\$254,165
Massasoit Community College	\$379,072	\$379,072
Middlesex Community College	\$371,002	\$371,002
Mount Wachusett Community College	\$298,986	\$298,986
North Shore Community College	\$586,879	\$586,879
Northern Essex Community College	\$439,853	\$439,853
Quinsigamond Community College	\$368,154	\$368,154
Roxbury Community College	\$372,041	\$372,041
Springfield Tech. Community College	\$582,703	\$582,703
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>\$5,752,546</b>	<b>\$5,752,546</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$18,095,495</b>	<b>\$18,095,495</b>