

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy **NO.:** FAAP 13-26

COMMITTEE DATE: March 5, 2013

BOARD DATE: March 12, 2013

STATE UNIVERSITIES

NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education adopts the following non-resident undergraduate tuition rates at the state universities for Fiscal Year 2014:

	Change	Annual Non-Resident Undergraduate Tuition
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)

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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 universities, and the community colleges. The recommendation is for all FY2014 tuition rates to remain the same as FY2013 tuition rates. A review of the current rate structure shall be conducted to inform FY2015 tuition rate approval.

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," approved by the Board in FY2004. 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 FY2014 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.