

**Massachusetts Board of Higher Education
Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee Meeting
March 5, 2019**

The March 5, 2019 meeting of the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy (FAAP) Committee was held in Large Conference Room on the 14th floor of One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts.

Committee Members Present: Committee Chair Tom Hopcroft;; Tom Moreau (designee for EOE Secretary James Peyser); Commissioner Carlos Santiago, non-voting ex-officio member; Stephanie Teixeira, non-voting Student Advisor

Committee Members Absent: Board Chair Chris Gabrieli; J.D. La Rock; Paul Toner (participating remotely, by telephone)

Special Guests: Edward Adelman, Executive Director, MSCBA; President John Cox, Cape Cod Community College

Department Staff Present: Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance Thomas Simard, Patricia Marshall; Ellen Osborne-Smith; Dena Papanikolaou; Elena Quiroz-Livanis; Joe Wallerstein; Ashley Wisneski

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Hopcroft called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the December 4, 2018 meeting of the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee were unanimously approved.

III. REMARKS

No remarks were offered by Committee Chair Hopcroft. Commissioner Santiago commented briefly on the upcoming FAAP motion 19-19, citing the transformative impact that large gifts can have for community colleges.

IV. MOTIONS

Chair Hopcroft invited Edward Adelman of the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (MSCBA) to present to the Committee.

A. FAAP 19-10 FISCAL YEAR 2020 RENT SCHEDULE AND OPERATING BUDGETS

MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY

List of documents used:

FY19 MSCBA Rent Presentation

Mr. Adelman provided the committee with an update on the proposed FY20 rent schedule for the State Universities. He explained that rents fund the costs of operating the campus residences, as well as the debt service, insurance premiums, deposits to capital improvement reserves, and MSCBA operating costs. The recommended schedule of residence hall rents averages \$8,273 in FY20, an increase of 3.3% over FY19 due primarily to higher costs for debt service.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the following motion was approved unanimously by all board members present.

FAAP 19-10 FISCAL YEAR 2020 RENT SCHEDULE AND OPERATING BUDGETS MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY

VOTED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the attached Fiscal Year 2020 Schedule of Proposed Rents and Operating Budget for the Authority and State University Residence Halls, effective July 1, 2019, provided that any increase in the rent schedule shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Higher Education.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 73 App., Section 1-9 as amended and the *Contract for Financial Assistance, Management and Services*, dated February 1, 2003, made between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts State College Building Authority.

Contact: Thomas J. Simard, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance

B. FAAP 19-18 APPROVAL OF FISCAL AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MOTIONS 19-11 THROUGH 19-17 ON A CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Commissioner Simard proceeded to give a presentation on the State University and Community College Tuition Rates for FY2020. No change is recommended for the FY2020 tuition rates for either resident or non-resident and, further, that no change is recommended in undergraduate and graduate tuition rates.

Tom Moreau asked a question about whether the two special mission institutions, MassArt and MMA, had set their tuition rates for the upcoming academic year. Deputy Commissioner Simard replied that they had not.

On a motion duly made and seconded, FAAP motions 19-11 through 19-17 were bundled for both approval and placement on a consent agenda. On a motion duly made and seconded, the motion passed unanimously by all board members present, resulting in the following, approved bundled motion:

FAAP 19-18 APPROVAL OF FISCAL AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MOTIONS 19-11 THROUGH 19-17 ON A CONSENT AGENDA

VOTED: The Board of Higher Education approves the following motions on a consent agenda:

- FAAP 19-11 Community Colleges
Resident Tuition Rates for FY2020
- FAAP 19-12 Community Colleges
Non-Resident Tuition Rates for FY2020
- FAAP 19-13 State Universities
Resident Undergraduate Tuition Rates for FY2020
- FAAP 19-14 State Universities
Non-Resident Undergraduate Tuition Rates for FY2020
- FAAP 19-15 State Universities
Resident Graduate Tuition Rates for FY2020
- FAAP 19-16 State Universities
Non-Resident Graduate Tuition Rates for FY2020
- FAAP 19-17 Berkshire Community College and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Alternative Non-Resident Undergraduate Tuition Rates for FY2020

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

Contact: Thomas J. Simard, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance

C. FAAP 19-19 NAMING OF CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S NEW SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING BUILDING IN HONOR OF FRANK AND MAUREEN WILKENS

List of documents used:

Cape Cod Community College Building Name Request Letter

Chair Hopcroft invited Cape Cod Community College President John Cox to present on CCCC's request to name its new science and engineering building. President Cox explained that the request was being made to honor the longstanding support and most recent generous gift of \$5 million from Maureen Wilkens. President Cox further noted that Mrs. Wilkens' gift is the largest single donation by an individual in the College's history. The building project is presently in design phase with construction and ribbon-cutting due to be complete by 2022.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the following motion was approved unanimously by all board members present.

FAAP 19-19 NAMING OF CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S NEW SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING BUILDING IN HONOR OF FRANK AND MAUREEN WILKENS

VOTED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the request of the Cape Cod Community College Board of Trustees to name the college's new Science and Engineering Building in honor of Frank and Maureen Wilkens.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws 15A, Section 9(m); FAAP 17-23

Contact: Thomas J. Simard, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business before the committee.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Hopcroft called for a motion to adjourn, which was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.