

**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION**

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy      **NO.:** FAAP 17-18

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**BOARD DATE:** January 24, 2017

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**ALTERNATIVE NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES –  
BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education adopts the following alternative tuition rates and enrollment caps for new, non-resident, undergraduate students at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Berkshire Community College for Fiscal Year 2018:

**Alternative Non-Resident Undergraduate Tuition Rates**

	<b>Change</b>	<b>Rate Per Credit</b>	<b>Alternative Tuition</b>
Massachusetts College of Liberal Art	\$0	-	\$1,545
Berkshire Community College	\$0	\$39	\$1,170

**Enrollment Caps for New Students**

	<b># of Students</b>	<b>Change</b>
Massachusetts College of Liberal Art	200	0
Berkshire Community College	100	0

**Authority:** Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9(i)

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## **Background**

The Alternative Tuition Program allows residents of New York to attend Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Berkshire Community College at tuition rates set at reduced out-of-state rates. The rate currently is set at 150 percent of resident student tuition and mirrors the rate charged to students under the New England Regional Student Program through the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE). New York is not a NEBHE participant.

The number of students accepted each year under the alternative tuition arrangement is restricted.

The Alternative Tuition Program supports efforts at both institutions to increase enrollment. The program also provides an important link between the Berkshires and the Albany region for the Commonwealth and the county to develop strategies to strengthen and expand the regional economy.

At Berkshire Community College, 104 New York residents are currently enrolled under the Alternative Tuition Program. The College seeks to maintain its enrollment cap at 100 students for FY2018. At MCLA, 280 New York residents are currently enrolled under the Alternative Tuition Program.