

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON MANAGEMENT'S
ASSERTIONS ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED
REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CLUSTER**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011



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THE MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CLUSTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

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OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CLUSTER

The Board of Trustees
Fitchburg State University
Fitchburg, Massachusetts

We have examined management's assertions, included in its representation letter dated October 18, 2011, that Fitchburg State University complied with the following compliance requirements as specified in The Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance Attestation Guide (Fourth Edition, April 2007) for the year ended June 30, 2011:

- Institutional eligibility
- Student eligibility
- Reporting
- Disbursements
- Refunds

As discussed in that representation letter, management is responsible for Fitchburg State University's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertions about Fitchburg State University's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was made in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about Fitchburg State University's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on Fitchburg State University's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, management's assertion that Fitchburg State University complied with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2011 is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Department of Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Office of the State Auditor, the Office of the State Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Board of Trustees, management and others within Fitchburg State University, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Ercolini & Company LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
October 18, 2011

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

NONE

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

NONE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The Board of Trustees
Fitchburg State University
Fitchburg, Massachusetts

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and discretely presented component unit of Fitchburg State University (a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise Fitchburg State University's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon, dated October 18, 2011, which contained an unqualified opinion on those financial statements. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of Fitchburg State University as a whole. The supplementary information included on pages 5 to 7 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and to comply with the reporting requirements of the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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Ercolini & Company LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
October 18, 2011

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

SCHEDULE OF POPULATION, ITEMS TESTED, AND FINDINGS FOR
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM CLUSTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	<u>Description of category</u>	<u>Number of students</u>	<u>Percent of population</u>	<u>Amount of awards</u>	<u>Percent of population</u>
Massachusetts Assistance for Student Success (MASSGrant)	Population	911	100%	\$ 511,307	100%
	Tested	18	1.98%	11,750	2.30%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Christian A. Herter Memorial Scholarship	Population	1	100%	\$ 7,300	100%
	Tested	1	100%	7,300	100.00%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Part Time Grant Program	Population	43	100%	\$ 16,800	100%
	Tested	1	2.33%	250	1.49%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Cash Grant Program	Population	466	100%	\$ 804,949	100%
	Tested	13	2.79%	18,303	2.27%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Massachusetts No Interest Loan Program	Population	77	100%	\$ 132,965	100%
	Tested	2	2.60%	2,400	1.80%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Foster Child Grant Program	Population	4	100%	\$ 17,480	100%
	Tested	1	25.00%	3,240	18.54%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%

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MASSACHUSETTS STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM CLUSTER - CONTINUED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	<u>Description of category</u>	<u>Number of students</u>	<u>Percent of population</u>	<u>Amount of awards</u>	<u>Percent of population</u>
Paraprofessional Teacher Preparation Grant	Population	5	100%	\$ 27,000	100%
	Tested	1	20.00%	5,400	20.00%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Early Childhood Educators Scholarship	Population	17	100%	\$ 72,949	100%
	Tested	1	5.88%	4,800	6.58%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
John & Abigail Adams Scholarship	Population	397	100%	\$ 363,380	100%
	Tested	5	1.26%	3,880	1.07%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
National Guard Tuition & Fee Assistance	Population	14	100%	\$ 10,751	100%
	Tested	1	7.14%	970	9.02%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Need Based Tuition Waiver	Population	546	100%	\$ 414,487	100%
	Tested	13	2.38%	9,215	2.22%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Categorical Tuition Waivers	Population	94	100%	\$ 58,665	100%
	Tested	4	4.26%	3,880	6.61%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%

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Massachusetts Education Financing Authority Prepaid Tuition Waiver	Population	38	100%	\$ 5,342	100%
	Tested	38	100%	5,342	100%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
MassTransfer Tuition Waiver	Population	10	100%	\$ 2,265	100%
	Tested	1	10.00%	106	4.68%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Senator Paul E. Tsongas Scholarship Tuition Waiver	Population	14	100%	\$ 13,095	100%
	Tested	1	7.14%	970	7.41%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Washington Center Program Tuition Waiver	Population	6	100%	\$ 2,910	100%
	Tested	1	16.67%	485	16.67%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
DSS Adopted Children Tuition Waiver	Population	5	100%	\$ 4,244	100%
	Tested	1	20.00%	970	22.86%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
DSS Foster Care Children Tuition Waiver	Population	10	100%	\$ 8,366	100%
	Tested	1	10.00%	485	5.80%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Stanely Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Tuition Waiver	Population	2	100%	\$ 1,940	100%
	Tested	1	50.00%	970	50.00%
	Findings	-	0.00%	-	0.00%

See independent auditor's report on supplementary information on page 4.