Executive Summary  
Fall Term 2008 Student Enrollment Profile

The Enrollment Profile presents current and comparative enrollment data for the Fall Term 2008 as of the census date of Monday, September 15, 2008. You can view and print the full set of graphs and data on the web page below:

http://sdcl.wayne.edu/RegistrarWeb/Enrollment/Report20089

Headcount

Fall enrollment is 31668, a decrease of 4.7% compared to the prior year. Undergraduate enrollment is down by 4.8% and Graduate/Professional enrollment is down by 4.5%. However, ten-year enrollment still shows a stable enrollment pattern, with a net 10-year increase of 2.0%.

The decrease in enrollment is more concentrated in part-time students. Overall undergraduate headcount decreased by -4.8%, but part-time students decreased -8.3% while full-time students decreased by only -2.5%. When you look at the total undergraduate decrease of 1022 students, 69% of the decrease is in part-time students (-706 students). 31% of the undergraduate decrease in enrollment is in full-time students (-316 students).

The same trend is present for graduate students, although less pronounced. 61% of the graduate enrollment decrease was in part-time students and 39% was in full-time students.

Credit Hours

Credit hours generated are down less than headcount. They show a 4.0% decline from Fall 2007. However, we are still seeing credit hours generated at very high levels. With 327,505 Fall credit hours they are the fifth highest over the past 10 years, higher than credit hours generated from Fall terms 1999-2003. The percentage of undergraduate students who are enrolled full-time continues to grow. Over the past five years the percent of undergraduates enrolled full-time has increased from 56% in 2004 to 61% this year.

Residency

Michigan residents still constitute 90% of our enrollment. 95% of our undergraduates, and 82% of our graduate/professional students are Michigan residents. 90% of our Michigan residents come from the tri-county area. For the 10% of our students who are not Michigan residents, 6.5% are internationals and 3.5% come from other U.S. states. We experienced a decrease in our international students this Fall, but this was offset by an increase in students from other states, keeping the non-resident population at 10%.

We encourage your comments or questions regarding our enrollment. Please contact our analyst, Ken Harris, (577-2073), or me (577-3550) if you have comments, questions or suggestions.

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