Executive Summary
Fall Term 2009 Student Enrollment Profile

The Enrollment Profile presents current and comparative enrollment data for the Fall Term 2009 as of the census date of Thursday, September 17, 2009. You can view and print the full set of graphs and data on the web page below:

http://reg.wayne.edu/data/enrollmentF09.php

Headcount

Fall enrollment is 31,786. This headcount excludes students registered in Graduate Medical Education programs (residents/interns) who have historically been counted as registered students. If you include these registered students, our headcount is 32,689. For headcount and credit hour tables, we have prepared versions of Fall 2009 enrollment data both with and without the Graduate Medical Education (GME) program students. As these students do not pay tuition, comparisons which exclude them can be more meaningful for some purposes.

There is a headcount increase of 2.5% (excluding the GME’s). Undergraduate enrollment is up by 3.2% and Graduate and Professional enrollment is up by 1.1%. At 31,786 our enrollment is only slightly below the average enrollment for the last three years, which is 31,822. We saw increases in new freshmen (4.5%), increases in new transfers (5.8%), and increases in new graduate enrollments (6.6%).

Increases in enrollment are concentrated in full-time students. Full-time undergraduates increased by 7.1%, while part-time undergraduates decreased by 3%. Likewise, full-time graduate students rose by 3.4% while part-time graduate students decreased by 1.2%. Five years ago 56% of our undergraduates were full-time. This term, 63.5% of our undergraduates are full-time. 44% of our graduate students are enrolled full-time and this has also increased slightly over the past five years.

Credit Hours

Due to the increases in full-time students, credit hours have increased more than headcount. Credit hours show a 3.5% increase (without GME’s). With 326,271 credit hours, we have the highest level of credit hours in the past ten years, more than 2% above our 3-year average of 319,753 credit hours. The last time that credit hours were higher than this was in 1981, when credit hours were 326,426.

Residency

90% of our students are Michigan residents, 4.3% are from other US states, and 5.7% are international. We have experienced some decrease in the numbers of our international students, including those who are from Canada, but the numbers of students from other US states continues to grow.

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

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