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MEMORANDUM

TO: Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney

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DATE: October 22, 2021

SUBJECT: *Fall 2021 Semester Enrollment Report*

The headcount enrollment for the 26 institutions of the University System of Georgia in Fall 2021 was 340,638, representing a decrease of 0.2 percent (851 students) from the Fall 2020 enrollment of 341,489. The Fall full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment decreased from 294,806 in Fall 2020 to 291,365 in Fall 2021, a decrease of 1.2 percent (3,441 FTE). Fall headcount and FTE enrollment decreased for the first fall semester since 2013; however, enrollment and FTE are higher than Fall 2019. The share of students enrolled full-time decreased from 67.6 percent in 2020 to 66.5 percent in 2021.

The attached copy of the *Semester Enrollment Report* (SER) presents information on USG credit enrollment. The following points describe changes over the Fall term last year:

- Headcount enrollment grew by 2.6 percent in research universities and 0.5 percent in comprehensive universities. Enrollment declined by 3.7 percent in state universities and 6.7 percent at state colleges. Enrollment increased at 5 institutions, decreased at 20 institutions, and remained relatively unchanged at one institution (down 4 students).
 - The largest enrollment growth, in terms of both number and percent, was at Georgia Institute of Technology (4,088 or 10.3 percent), Kennesaw State University (1,802 or 4.4 percent), and University of Georgia (971 or 2.5 percent).
 - The largest enrollment declines in terms of number were at Georgia State University (1,393), University of North Georgia (808), and Valdosta State University (731).
 - The institutions with the largest enrollment decrease by percentage were East Georgia State College (16.2 percent), South Georgia State College (12.5 percent), and Georgia Highlands College (7.7 percent).
- FTE enrollment increased by 1.6 percent at research universities but decreased by 4.8 percent at state universities and 8.1 percent at state colleges. FTE enrollment remained flat at comprehensive universities.
- Undergraduate enrollment decreased by 5,667 (2.1 percent) from 274,633 in Fall 2020 to 268,966 in Fall 2021.

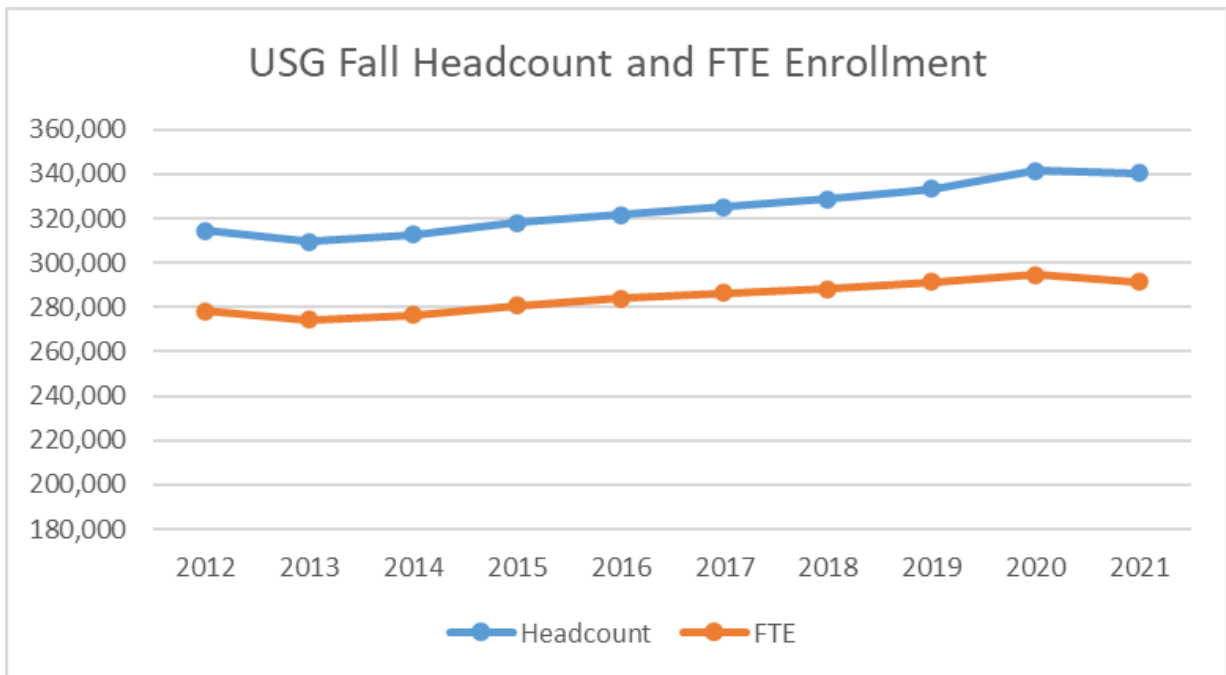
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- Dual enrollment increased by 509 students from 13,749 in Fall 2020 to 14,258 in Fall 2021, an increase of 3.7 percent. All of this growth occurred at research universities (141 students) and comprehensive universities (370 students).
- Graduate enrollment for Fall 2021 grew to 68,188 students, a 7.9 percent increase (4,975 students) over Fall 2020. This growth is primarily driven by Georgia Institute of Technology, where graduate enrollment increased by 3,188 students.
- Beginning freshman enrollment decreased by 1,566 students (2.9 percent) from 54,177 in Fall 2020 to 52,611 in Fall 2021. This is a reversal of the large increase in beginning freshman seen from Fall 2019 to Fall 2020 (6.5 percent).
 - Beginning freshmen at research universities increased by 4.6 percent (771 students).
 - Beginning freshmen decreased by 2.0 percent (348 students) at comprehensive universities, a marked change from the 29.6 percent increase in Fall 2020.
 - Beginning freshmen at state universities decreased by 12.0 percent (1,470 students).
 - Beginning freshmen at state colleges decreased by 6.7 percent (519 students).
- New undergraduate transfer students decreased by 4.6 percent from 14,975 in Fall 2020 to 14,292 in Fall 2021.
- New graduate and professional students increased 3.6 percent from 18,130 in Fall 2020 to 18,786 in Fall 2021.
- Enrollment changes by race/ethnicity relative to Fall 2020 are as follows:
 - Hispanic student enrollment increased 3.4 percent (1,185 students) and now comprises 10.5 percent of the total student population.
 - Asian student enrollment increased 10.3 percent (3,743 students) and constitutes 11.7 percent of enrollment.
 - African American student enrollment decreased by 2.4 percent (2,166 students) and makes up 25.7 percent of enrollment.
 - White student enrollment decreased by 2.2 percent (3,500 students) and represents 46.1 percent of the total student population.
- In-state enrollment (275,273 students) for Fall 2021 constitutes 80.8 percent of total enrollment, down from 82.8 percent in Fall 2020. In-state enrollment decreased 7,488 students.
- Enrollment of out-of-state students increased from 39,328 in Fall 2020 to 43,017 in Fall 2021. The share of out-of-state students out of total enrollment also grew from 11.5 to 12.6 percent. The share of out-of-state students with any tuition waived decreased from 36.1 to 34.1 percent.
- Enrollment of international students increased 2,948 (15.2 percent), and the largest increase is at Georgia Institute of Technology (2,159 students). The share of international students out of total enrollment increased from 5.7 to 6.6 percent. The share of international students with any tuition waived increased slightly from 35.6 to 35.7 percent.
- Female enrollment decreased by 1,100 students (0.6 percent) from Fall 2020. Of all students enrolled, 56.9 percent are female in Fall 2021, a slight decrease from 57.0 percent in Fall 2020. Male enrollment grew by 0.2 percent (249 students).

- The number of nontraditional-aged undergraduate students in the system decreased by 5.0 percent from 23,605 in Fall 2020 to 22,434 in Fall 2021. This is the tenth consecutive year in which there has been a decline for this population. The average age of undergraduate students in Fall 2021 is unchanged at 21.8. Similarly, the average age for graduate students is 31.2 in both fall terms.

The trends in headcount and FTE enrollment over the last ten years are shown in the graph below.



I am pleased to answer any questions about the report.

Attachment

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