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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chancellor Steve Wrigley

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DATE: November 11, 2020

SUBJECT: *Fall 2020 Semester Enrollment Report*

The headcount enrollment for the 26 institutions of the University System of Georgia in Fall 2020 was 341,485, representing an increase of 2.4 percent (7,978 students) over the Fall 2019 enrollment of 333,507. The Fall full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment increased from 291,283 in Fall 2019 to 294,802 in Fall 2020, an increase of 1.2 percent (3,519 FTE)<sup>1</sup>. Fall headcount and FTE enrollment are both all-time highs. The portion of students enrolled full-time decreased from 69.6 percent in 2019 to 67.6 in 2020.

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 2.8 percent in research universities, 6.2 percent in comprehensive universities, and 2.3 percent in state universities. Enrollment declined by 7.0 percent at state colleges. Enrollment increased at 16 institutions and decreased at 10.
  - The largest enrollment growth, both in terms of number and percent, was at Kennesaw State University (3,374; 8.9 percent), Georgia Institute of Technology (3,282; 9.0 percent), and Valdosta State University (1,034; 9.2 percent).
  - The institutions with the largest enrollment decline in terms of percentage were South Georgia State College (13.6 percent), East Georgia State College (11.9 percent), and Georgia Gwinnett College (9.4 percent).

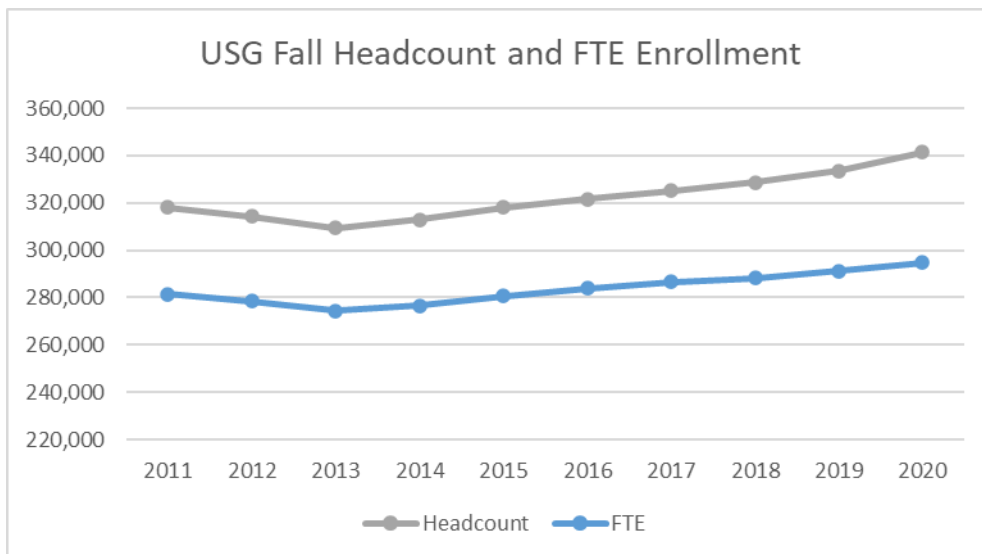
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<sup>1</sup> Numbers cited here for Fall 2019 differ from those published in the Fall 2019 SER due to a change in formatting. Starting with Summer 2020, FTE is rounded, not truncated.

- FTE enrollment increased 1.2 percent at research universities, 5.6 percent at comprehensive universities, and 1.3 percent at state universities. FTE enrollment declined 8.7 percent at state colleges.
- Undergraduate enrollment increased 3,029 (1.1 percent) from 271,600 in Fall 2019 to 274,629 in Fall 2020.
- Graduate enrollment for Fall 2020 grew to 63,213 students; this is a 9.6 percent increase (5,524 students) over Fall 2019. This growth is largely driven by Georgia Institute of Technology, where graduate enrollment increased by 2,880 students.
- Beginning freshman enrollment system-wide increased by 3,299 students (6.5 percent) from 50,877 in Fall 2019 to 54,176 in Fall 2020. This is a much larger increase in beginning freshman than from Fall 2018 to Fall 2019 (265 students).
  - Beginning freshman enrollment at research universities decreased 0.9 percent (158 students).
  - Beginning freshman enrollment increased by 29.6 percent (3,974 students) for comprehensive universities.
  - State university beginning freshman increased 10.1 percent (1,129 students).
  - State college beginning freshmen decreased 17.6 percent (1,646 students).
- The number of new undergraduate transfer students decreased 4.8 percent from 15,723 in Fall 2019 to 14,975 in Fall 2020.
- The number of new graduate and professional students increased 11.7 percent from 16,227 in Fall 2019 to 18,130 in Fall 2020.
- Dual enrollment increased 1,151 students (9.1 percent) from 12,597 in Fall 2019 to 13,748 in Fall 2020. Most of this growth occurred at research universities (670 students) and comprehensive universities (513 students). Dual enrollment increased 259 students at state universities but decreased by 291 at state colleges.
- Enrollment changes by race/ethnicity relative to Fall 2019 are as follows:
  - Hispanic student enrollment increased 7.2 percent (2,340 students) and now comprises 10.2 percent of the total student population.
  - Asian student enrollment increased 7.2 percent (2,448 students) and constitutes 10.6 percent of enrollment system-wide.
  - African-American student enrollment increased 3.9 percent (3,390 students) and makes up 26.3 percent of enrollment system-wide.
  - White student enrollment decreased 0.3 percent (526 students) and represents 47.1 percent of the system-wide population.
- In-state enrollment increased 3,909 for Fall 2020 but declined in terms of the share of the system-wide population from 83.6 percent in Fall 2019 to 82.8 percent in Fall 2020.

- Enrollment of out-of-state students increased from 35,394 in Fall 2019 to 39,328 in Fall 2020. The share of out-of-state students out of total enrollment grew from 10.6 to 11.5 percent. The share of out-of-state students with any tuition waived decreased from 39.6 to 36.1 percent.
- Enrollment of international students increased by 135 (0.7 percent), a much smaller increase than from Fall 2018 to Fall 2019 (1,704 students). The increase this Fall was driven by an increase of 899 students at Georgia Institute of Technology but declines or relative stability at all other institutions. The share of international students out of total enrollment decreased from 5.8 to 5.7 percent. The share of international students with any tuition waived decreased from 40.8 to 35.6 percent.
- Female enrollment rose 6,857 students (3.6 percent) while male enrollment increased 1,121 (0.8 percent). Of all students enrolled, 57.0 percent are female in Fall 2020, an increase from 56.3 percent in Fall 2019.
- The number of nontraditional-aged undergraduate students in the system decreased by 4.2 percent from 24,647 in Fall 2019 to 23,604 in Fall 2020. This is the ninth consecutive year in which there has been a decline for this population. The average age of undergraduate students in Fall 2020 is 22.1; this did not change from Fall 2019. The average age for graduate students remained 32.8.
- The number of non-citizens who are residents of the United States declined from 10,407 in Fall 2019 to 10,078 in Fall 2020. The number of non-citizens who are non-residents also declined from 17,491 in Fall 2019 to 17,379 in Fall 2020.

The trends in fall 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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