

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chancellor Steve Wrigley

FROM: Angela Bell

DATE: April 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Spring 2020 *Semester Enrollment Report*

The headcount enrollment in the 26 institutions of the University System of Georgia in Spring 2020 is 312,884, representing an increase of 0.6 percent (1,944 students) over Spring 2019 enrollment of 310,940. This increase is 0.9 percentage points less than the increase from Fall 2018 to Fall 2019 (1.5 percent). Also, the attrition that occurs each year from fall to spring is greater this year than last year (20,623 vs. 17,772). The Spring full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment increased from 269,209 to 269,878, an increase of 0.2 percent (669 FTE students). There was a slight decline in the percent of students enrolled full-time from 67.6 percent in Spring 2019 to 67.2 percent in Spring 2020.

The attached copy of the *Semester Enrollment Report* (SER) presents basic information on USG credit enrollment. The following points describe notable changes from the previous spring:

- Headcount enrollment grew 2.2 percent in research universities and 1.1 percent in comprehensive universities. However, enrollment declined 0.7 percent in state universities and 3.3 percent at state colleges. Enrollment increased at 9 institutions and decreased at 17.
  - The largest growth in terms of number of students was at Georgia Institute of Technology, which had an increase of 2,893 students, mostly at the graduate level. The largest growth in terms of percent of students was also at Georgia Institute of Technology, at 8.9 percent.
  - Strong growth over last spring was also seen at Kennesaw State University (1,840) and Middle Georgia State University (413). The schools with the second and third largest percentage growth in enrollment are Middle Georgia State University (5.7 percent) and Kennesaw State University (5.4 percent).
  - The institutions with the largest enrollment decline in terms of numbers were University of West Georgia (448), Georgia Southern University (435), and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (393). The largest declines by percentage were Atlanta

Metropolitan State College (16.7 percent), Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (10.1 percent), and Savannah State University (8.5 percent).

- FTE enrollment increased 1.7 percent at research universities and 0.8 percent at comprehensive universities. However, FTE enrollment declined 1.0 percent at state universities and 3.7 percent at state colleges.
- Dual enrollment continues to rise, increasing 3.2 percent or 397 students in Spring 2020. This is smaller than the increase from Spring 2018 to Spring 2019 (4.8 percent, 561 students). However, dual enrollment increased substantially at comprehensive universities (16.8 percent), led by a large increase at Kennesaw State University.
- Undergraduate enrollment decreased by 0.5 percent (1,367 students). The enrollment of graduate and first professional students and residents grew by 6.7 percent (3,515 students). Most of the increase in graduate and first professional students occurred at Georgia Institute of Technology (2,843 students), which is likely related to online master's programs.
- New student enrollment changes
  - Beginning freshman enrollment decreased by 3.7 percent (199 students) from 5,418 students in Spring 2019 to 5,216 students in Spring 2020.
  - There were 8,093



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