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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Preliminary Enrollment Analysis for Fall 2009

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The attached summary table compares the preliminary fall 2009 enrollment and retention figures with the final figures for fall 2008. Total enrollment increased by 1,048 students (2.1%) from 49,984 last fall to 51,032 in fall 2009. Undergraduate enrollment increased by 810 students (2.2%). Graduate enrollment (including Pharm. D.) increased by 277 students (2.4%) and Law enrollment decreased by 39 students (-3.1%). There were also increases in both undergraduate retention rates and 6-year graduation rates.

Overall, total enrollment figures increased for all ethnic groups. Asian American students increased by 378 (5.0%), Hispanic students by 340 (4.3%), foreign students by 127 (2.8%), African American students by 88 (4.0%), white students by 53 (0.2%), and American Indian students by 3 (1.4%). Proportional representation increased for Asian American (15.1% to 15.5%), Hispanic (15.9% to 16.2%), and African American (4.4% to 4.5%). There are 410 students for whom ethnicity is not known, an increase of 59 (16.8%) over last fall.

First-Time Freshmen

There was an increase in the number of first-time freshmen, up by 531 to 7,249. This figure includes those freshmen that entered in the summer and continued into the fall, as well as new fall entrants. For fall 2009, there were no new freshmen offered summer admission.

First-time freshmen enrollment figures increased for all ethnic groups except African American students (down by 20 or -5.3%). The proportional representation of first-time freshmen increased for Asian American (18.6% to 19.6%), Hispanic (19.9% to 20.7%), foreign (3.1% to 3.2%), and American Indian (0.3% to 0.4%) students. The proportional representation of African American students decreased from 5.6% to 4.9%.

Of the 14,213 first-time freshmen offered admission for fall 2009, 7,249 (51%) enrolled. According to data provided by the Office of Admissions, 78% of *all* entering freshmen were automatically admitted under HB 588 (Top 10% Law). Of the entering freshmen from *Texas high schools*, 86% were admitted under HB 588. The average ACT score for the entering class is 27 and the average SAT composite score (Math, Writing, and Critical Reading) is 1815.

Undergraduate Transfer Students

Undergraduate transfer enrollment increased by 193 (8.7%) to 2,421. This figure includes 764 transfer students who entered under the Coordinated Admission Program, compared to 600 in fall 2008. The proportional representation of transfer students increased for Asian American students (13.6% to 15.2%) and Hispanic students (15.8% to 16.2%).

Undergraduate Continuing and Re-entering Former Students

The number of undergraduate continuing students increased from 27,730 in fall 2008 to 27,804 this fall, an increase of 74 students (0.3%). The number of re-entering students also increased by 14 (2.0%) to 725.

For the first time in two years, there is an increase in the retention rate in the freshmen to sophomore years (from 90.8% in fall 2008 to 92.4% in fall 2009). There was also a slight increase in the sophomore to junior year retention (from 86.9% to 87.0%) but a slight decrease in junior to senior year retention (81.7% to 81.0%). However, graduation rates continue to increase. Four-year graduation rates increased slightly from 52.5% to 52.6% and six-year graduation rates increased from 77.9% to 80.7%. Five-year graduation rates decreased slightly from 76.3% to 75.7%.

Graduate Students

Graduate enrollment (excluding Law) increased by 277 students (2.4%) to 11,621. The number of new graduate students (fall and summer combined) increased by 146 (4.5%) to 3,371. Graduate continuing enrollment increased by 134 students (1.7%) and graduate re-entering enrollment decreased by 3 students (-1.5%).

Proportional representation among graduate students remained somewhat stable, with slight increases for Hispanic (8.6% to 8.9%) and African American (2.8% to 2.9%) students. There were slight decreases for white (53.0% to 52.7%) and foreign (25.8% to 25.5%) students.

Total Law enrollment decreased by 39 students (-3.1%) and new Law enrollment decreased by 6 students (-1.3%). There was a large decrease in total white Law student enrollment (down by 38 or -5.1%).

College Trends

Undergraduate enrollment increased for Engineering by 376 (7.1%), Communication by 121 (3.2%), Education by 105 (5.6%), Natural Sciences by 95 (1.1%), Social Work by 51 (19.1%), Nursing by 51 (6.7%), Geosciences by 33 (11.5%), Architecture by 16 (5.0%), and Fine Arts by 3 (0.3%). Undergraduate enrollment in all other colleges decreased or remained stable, though a 772 student decrease in undergraduate enrollment in Liberal Arts was offset by a comparable increase in Undergraduate Studies.

Graduate enrollment increased for Engineering by 127 (6.6%), Education by 69 (5.5%), Communication by 58 (9.2%), Geosciences by 26 (11.9%), Nursing by 26 (9.9%), Business by 17 (1.3%), Fine Arts by 16 (2.7%), Pharmacy by 15 (2.6%), and Architecture by 10 (2.8%). Graduate enrollment in all other colleges decreased or remained stable.

SCH Production

Overall semester credit hour production increased by 11,178 hours (1.8%). There was a significant increase in undergraduate level hours, up 9,046 (1.8%). There were also increases in master's level hours (469 or 0.8%), doctoral level hours (1,917 or 5.1%), and Pharm. D. hours (281 or 3.9%). Law hours decreased by 535 hours (-3.1%).

I hope you find this preliminary information useful. We will prepare another analysis when these figures are finalized in October (after the 20th class day).

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Attachment

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Preliminary Enrollment Analysis - Fall 2009

	Preliminary				Percent Distribution	
	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Change	%Change	Fall 2008	Preliminary Fall 2009
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	49,984	51,032	1,048	2.1%		
Undergraduate Enrollment	37,389	38,199	810	2.2%	74.8%	74.9%
Graduate Enrollment (Including Pharm. D.)	11,344	11,621	277	2.4%	22.7%	22.8%
Law Enrollment	1,251	1,212	-39	-3.1%	2.5%	2.4%
Total Enrollment by Ethnicity/Race	49,984	51,032				
White	27,227	27,280	53	0.2%	54.5%	53.5%
American Indian	213	216	3	1.4%	0.4%	0.4%
African American	2,192	2,280	88	4.0%	4.4%	4.5%
Asian American	7,535	7,913	378	5.0%	15.1%	15.5%
Hispanic	7,930	8,270	340	4.3%	15.9%	16.2%
Foreign	4,536	4,663	127	2.8%	9.1%	9.1%
Unknown	351	410	59	16.8%	0.7%	0.8%
Total Enrollment by Residency						
Texas – Total	40,312	41,067	755	1.9%	80.6%	80.5%
– Undergraduate	34,343	34,970	627	1.8%		
– Graduate (incl. Spec. Prof.)	5,969	6,097	128	2.1%		
Out-of-State – Total	5,136	5,302	166	3.2%	10.3%	10.4%
– Undergraduate	1,502	1,599	97	6.5%		
– Graduate (incl. Spec. Prof.)	3,634	3,703	69	1.9%		
Foreign – Total	4,536	4,663	127	2.8%	9.1%	9.1%
– Undergraduate	1,544	1,630	86	5.6%		
– Graduate (incl. Spec. Prof.)	2,992	3,033	41	1.4%		
UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT						
First-Time Freshmen - Fall and Summer Combined (includes Summer Freshmen Class*)	6,718	7,249	531	7.9%		
White	681*	0*				
White	3,515	3,703	188	5.3%	52.3%	51.1%
American Indian	23	29	6	26.1%	0.3%	0.4%
African American	376	356	-20	-5.3%	5.6%	4.9%
Asian American	1,248	1,423	175	14.0%	18.6%	19.6%
Hispanic	1,339	1,503	164	12.2%	19.9%	20.7%
Foreign	208	231	23	11.1%	3.1%	3.2%
Unknown	9	4	-5	-55.6%	0.1%	0.1%
First-Time Freshmen Enrollment - Fall Only	5,981	7,158	1,177	19.7%		
White	3,065	3,665	600	19.6%	51.2%	51.2%
American Indian	21	29	8	38.1%	0.4%	0.4%
African American	335	334	-1	-0.3%	5.6%	4.7%
Asian American	1,126	1,416	290	25.8%	18.8%	19.8%
Hispanic	1,228	1,482	254	20.7%	20.5%	20.7%
Foreign	199	228	29	14.6%	3.3%	3.2%
Unknown	7	4	-3	-42.9%	0.1%	0.1%
First-Time Freshmen - Summer Continuing into Fall*	737	91	-646	-87.7%		
White	450	38	-412	-91.6%	61.1%	41.8%
American Indian	2	0	-2	-100.0%	0.3%	0.0%
African American	41	22	-19	-46.3%	5.6%	24.2%
Asian American	122	7	-115	-94.3%	16.6%	7.7%
Hispanic	111	21	-90	-81.1%	15.1%	23.1%
Foreign	9	3	-6	-66.7%	1.2%	3.3%
Unknown	2	0	-2	-100.0%	0.3%	0.0%
Undergraduate Transfer Enrollment - Fall Only (includes Coordinated Admission Program Students**)	2,228	2,421	193	8.7%		
White	1,147	1,220	73	6.4%	51.5%	50.4%
American Indian	12	12	0	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%
African American	74	68	-6	-8.1%	3.3%	2.8%
Asian American	304	369	65	21.4%	13.6%	15.2%
Hispanic	353	391	38	10.8%	15.8%	16.2%
Foreign	327	349	22	6.7%	14.7%	14.4%
Unknown	11	12	1	9.1%	0.5%	0.5%
Undergraduate Continuing Student Enrollment	27,730	27,804	74	0.3%		
Undergraduate Re-entering Student Enrollment	711	725	14	2.0%		
Undergraduate Transient Students	2	0	-2	-100.0%		

	Fall 2008	Preliminary	Change	%Change	Percent Distribution	
		Fall 2009			Fall 2008	Preliminary Fall 2009
GRADUATE ENROLLMENT***						
Total Graduate Enrollment (excl. Law) by Ethnicity/Race	11,344	11,621	277	2.4%		
White	6,015	6,128	113	1.9%	53.0%	52.7%
American Indian	37	38	1	2.7%	0.3%	0.3%
African American	317	342	25	7.9%	2.8%	2.9%
Asian American	868	891	23	2.6%	7.7%	7.7%
Hispanic	973	1,029	56	5.8%	8.6%	8.9%
Foreign	2,928	2,960	32	1.1%	25.8%	25.5%
Unknown	206	233	27	13.1%	1.8%	2.0%
New Graduate (excl. Law) - Fall and Summer Combined	3,225	3,371	146	4.5%		
White	1,699	1,847	148	8.7%	52.7%	54.8%
American Indian	9	11	2	22.2%	0.3%	0.3%
African American	95	103	8	8.4%	2.9%	3.1%
Asian American	268	300	32	11.9%	8.3%	8.9%
Hispanic	309	311	2	0.6%	9.6%	9.2%
Foreign	790	739	-51	-6.5%	24.5%	21.9%
Unknown	55	60	5	9.1%	1.7%	1.8%
New Graduate Enrollment (excl. Law) - Fall Only	2,919	2,999	80	2.7%		
White	1,513	1,625	112	7.4%	51.8%	54.2%
American Indian	8	11	3	37.5%	0.3%	0.4%
African American	76	84	8	10.5%	2.6%	2.8%
Asian American	249	265	16	6.4%	8.5%	8.8%
Hispanic	265	247	-18	-6.8%	9.1%	8.2%
Foreign	758	711	-47	-6.2%	26.0%	23.7%
Unknown	50	56	6	12.0%	1.7%	1.9%
Graduate Continuing Student Enrollment (excl. Law)	7,925	8,059	134	1.7%		
Graduate Re-entering Student Enrollment (excl. Law)	194	191	-3	-1.5%		
Total Law Enrollment by Ethnicity/Race	1,251	1,212	-39	-3.1%		
White	747	709	-38	-5.1%	59.7%	58.5%
American Indian	4	5	1	25.0%	0.3%	0.4%
African American	72	65	-7	-9.7%	5.8%	5.4%
Asian American	82	73	-9	-11.0%	6.6%	6.0%
Hispanic	191	184	-7	-3.7%	15.3%	15.2%
Foreign	64	73	9	14.1%	5.1%	6.0%
Unknown	91	103	12	13.2%	7.3%	8.5%
New Law Enrollment - Fall and Summer Combined	460	454	-6	-1.3%		
White	253	246	-7	-2.8%	55.0%	54.2%
American Indian	3	1	-2	-66.7%	0.7%	0.2%
African American	19	23	4	21.1%	4.1%	5.1%
Asian American	29	20	-9	-31.0%	6.3%	4.4%
Hispanic	63	64	1	1.6%	13.7%	14.1%
Foreign	52	61	9	17.3%	11.3%	13.4%
Unknown	41	39	-2	-4.9%	8.9%	8.6%
New Law Transient Students	2	3	1	50.0%		
SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS (SCH)						
Total Semester Credit Hours	620,606	631,784	11,178	1.8%		
Undergraduate SCH	499,743	508,789	9,046	1.8%		
Master's SCH	58,895	59,364	469	0.8%		
Doctoral SCH	37,775	39,692	1,917	5.1%		
Pharm. D. SCH	7,127	7,408	281	3.9%		
Law SCH	17,066	16,531	-535	-3.1%		

* Summer Freshman Class students are regularly-admitted students who must begin their studies in the summer session (even if they originally applied for fall admission).

For fall 2009, no freshmen were offered summer admission in response to regular fall 2009 admission offers already exceeding the total number of admissions allotted for the combined summer and fall class.

** Some Texas freshman applicants who are not admitted to UT Austin are offered participation in the Coordinated Admission Program. The program offers students the opportunity to begin their undergraduate studies at a participating UT System university (UT Arlington, UT Brownsville, UT El Paso, UT Pan American, UT Permian Basin, UT San Antonio, and UT Tyler) and earn the right to complete their undergraduate coursework at the University of Texas at Austin.

*** In absentia registrants eliminated from fall figures.