

Subject: Spring 2008 Preliminary Enrollment Summary

FYI ~ Spring 2008 opening enrollment figures for the UA system are below. Please refer to the attachment for additional details and supporting data tables, also available online at: www.alaska.edu/swoir

Opening statistics do not reflect the total spring enrollment; however, they serve as an indicator for where student enrollment will land by the end of the semester.

Estimated Spring Closing Enrollment

Enrollment headcount, student credit hours (SCH) and full-time equivalent (FTE) are estimated for spring 2008 closing. This projection shows a 2.9% increase in headcount (949), a 2.6% increase in SCH (6,296), and a 2.7% increase in FTE (442) over spring 2007 closing numbers based on historical enrollment trends.

Actual Spring Opening Enrollment

Compared to the spring 2007 opening, student headcount at the UA system level increased 2.8% (469). Student headcount increases were seen at all MAUs, with UAA up 2.3% (379), UAF up 3.1% (249) and UAS up 7.4% (205).

Highlights of the spring 2008 opening enrollment compared with spring 2007 opening include:

--At the UA system level female enrollment increased by 4.6% (728) while male enrollment increased by just 0.2% (23). See Table 4.

--Enrollment of Alaska Native students increased at the UA system level by 4.9% (157), as did headcount for Asian students (+2.1%, 33) and Hispanic students (6.7%, 67), while enrollment of African-American students dropped 3% (-26). See Table 4.

--At UAF, a 2.2% decrease (-95) in headcount at Fairbanks campus was mitigated by gains at the community campus level. Northwest campus increased its headcount by 53.5% (69) from the spring 2007 opening freeze, while headcount at Rural College increased by 9.6% (199) and Tanana Valley increased by 4.9% (147). UAF rural campuses reported substantial increases in FTE enrollment and the amount of SCH being delivered as compared to spring 2007, with Chukchi increasing FTE enrollment by 73.1% (20) and SCH delivery by 73% (299). Meanwhile, Northwest increased FTE enrollment by 41.4% (10) and SCH delivery by 40.7% (153), and Rural College increased FTE enrollment by 11.9% (69) and SCH by 11.8% (1,003). See Tables 1, 9, and 10.

--At UAA, a 10% decrease in headcount at PWSCC (-87) was offset by increases at Anchorage (2.8%, 366), Kenai (+8.2%, 114), Kodiak (+10.5%, 48), and Mat-Su (+6.2%, 75), while headcount decreased at Kenai (-2.5%, -37) and Mat-Su (-1.3%, -18). Kodiak campus experienced the largest growth in FTE enrollment and SCH delivery, increasing FTE enrollment by 34.4% (40) and SCH delivery by 32.4% (+564) from last year. See Tables 1, 9, and 10.

--At UAS, Juneau campus increased its headcount by 8.6% (165) compared to last spring, while increasing FTE enrollment by 4.3% (38) and SCH delivery by 4.0% (514). While overall headcount at Ketchikan campus declined by 2.7% (-12) from last spring, FTE enrollment increased by 1.9% (3) and 43 additional SCH were delivered (+2.1%). At Sitka, overall headcount increased by 6.1% (44), however FTE enrollment and SCH delivery remained virtually identical to last spring. See Tables 1, 9, and 10.