HIGHLIGHTS of KSU’s

ENROLLMENT FOR

FALL SEMESTER 2012

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The Fall 2012 enrollment reached more than 24,600 students, an increase of approximately 2% (up over 400 students) from the previous fall.

Over the past ten years, fall enrollment grew by 8,950 students (57%).

Over the past decade, fall enrollment hit a new record high every year.
Credit Hours Grow at About the Same Rate as Headcount

Credit hour growth no longer outpaces enrollment growth. Since 2002, the year that on-campus housing started, credit hour enrollment increased 74% compared to 57% for headcount enrollment.

Credit hours are influenced by full-time equivalent enrollment (FTE), so this trend may indicate that more of KSU’s students are enrolling in 12 or more undergraduate hours (9 or more for graduate hours) during the Fall term each year.

Since the University System’s formula funding is based on past productivity of credit hours (the credit hour enrollment two years earlier), KSU continued to earn future increases in state appropriations based on the credit hours generated.
The advent of on-campus student housing in 2002 coupled with an economic recession and the effects of 9/11 in 2001 resulted in sharp increases in KSU’s enrollment of freshmen in Fall 2002 and Fall 2003. KSU raised freshmen admission standards, and implemented earlier application deadlines to curb runaway growth in the freshmen classification. As a result, freshmen enrollment dropped substantially in Fall 2004, Fall 2005 and again in Fall 2009. However, changes in recruitment of new freshmen have resulted in strong, consistent increases since Fall 2010.

Unlike the overall University enrollment, freshmen enrollment has fluctuated up and down. Freshmen enrollment increased 13% (more than 600 students) from Fall 2002 to Fall 2012.

Of the 5,254 total freshmen in Fall 2012, 58% (3,088) were new first-time freshmen. For the first time in KSU history, new traditional freshmen enrollment exceeded 3,000 students.
The undergraduate enrollment reached another all-time high. Undergraduates enrolled in Fall 2012 increased for the 10th consecutive year, driving the overall institutional growth.

KSU had a net increase of more than 8,700 additional undergraduate students over the last ten years.

The undergraduate enrollment growth over the past 10 years was 63%, compared to 9% for graduate enrollment.
Graduate student enrollment has fluctuated up and down over the past ten years. Less than half of the annual percentage changes in graduate enrollments have been increases, and the remaining years have had declines.

Graduate enrollment comprised about 7% of the total student headcount at KSU in Fall 2012. This percentage has varied from 11% in Fall 2002 to 7% in Fall 2012.

Despite the continued fluctuation in graduate enrollment, KSU had a net increase of almost 350 graduate students during the past decade.