HIGHLIGHTS of KSU’s

ENROLLMENT FOR

FALL SEMESTER 2013

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Fall Semester Enrollment Growth Begins to Slow

The Fall 2013 enrollment is more than 24,600 students, remaining flat from the previous fall.

Over the past ten years, fall enrollment grew by over 7,000 students (41%).

Over the past decade, fall enrollment hit a new record high every year.

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<td>Headcount Enrollment</td>
<td>17,485</td>
<td>17,961</td>
<td>18,556</td>
<td>19,854</td>
<td>20,607</td>
<td>21,449</td>
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Credit hour growth over the last decade continues to outpace enrollment growth but at much slower pace compared to a year earlier. Since 2003, credit hour enrollment increased 53% compared to 41% 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), any future increases in state appropriations based on the credit hours generated are most likely to be modest in FY15 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015).
Freshmen Enrollment Continues to Fluctuate

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<td>Freshmen Enrollment</td>
<td>5,024</td>
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- 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.

- Changes in recruitment of new freshmen have resulted in strong, consistent increases from Fall 2010 to Fall 2012. Fall 2013 experienced a modest decline in new freshmen enrollment due to decreasing numbers of high school graduates in Georgia.

- Unlike the overall University enrollment, freshmen enrollment has fluctuated up and down. Freshmen enrollment increased a modest 2% (more than 100 students) from Fall 2003 to Fall 2013.

- Of the 5,147 total freshmen in Fall 2013, 61% (3,146) were new first-time freshmen. For the first time in KSU history, new traditional freshmen enrollment exceeded 3,100 students.
The undergraduate enrollment continued to maintain its all-time high despite the fact that undergraduates enrolled in Fall 2013 remained flat.

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 45%, compared to 6% 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 over 8% of the total student headcount at KSU in Fall 2013. 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 112 graduate students during the past decade.