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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability

FROM: Brian Noland

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RE: Census Enrollment Rates at Four-Year Public Postsecondary Institutions

This memorandum provides a cursory overview of the Fall 2009 census headcount and FTE enrollment across the state’s four-year public postsecondary institutions. The data are as follows:

Institution	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change	
							2008-09	2004-09
<b>Total Headcount</b>								
Bluefield State College	1,840	1,710	1,788	1,804	1,868	1,989	6.5%	8.1%
Concord University	2,946	2,958	2,928	2,735	2,812	2,882	2.5%	-2.2%
Fairmont State University	4,163	4,710	4,602	4,331	4,546	4,572	0.6%	9.8%
Glenville State College	1,319	1,392	1,381	1,441	1,443	1,721	19.3%	30.5%
Marshall University	13,602	13,805	13,810	13,659	13,282	13,434	1.1%	-1.2%
Potomac State College	1,304	1,279	1,485	1,608	1,582	1,810	14.4%	38.8%
Shepherd University	3,682	3,901	4,091	4,119	4,185	4,256	1.7%	15.6%
West Liberty University	2,338	2,246	2,272	2,404	2,500	2,642	5.7%	13.0%
WVSOM	363	397	503	598	691	778	12.6%	114.3%
WV State University	3,344	3,491	3,502	3,218	3,003	4,003	33.3%	19.7%
West Virginia University	25,255	26,051	27,115	28,113	28,840	28,898	0.2%	14.4%
WVU Institute of Technology	1,685	1,535	1,466	1,445	1,224	1,244	1.6%	-26.2%
<b>Total 4 Yr</b>	<b>61,841</b>	<b>63,475</b>	<b>64,943</b>	<b>65,475</b>	<b>65,976</b>	<b>68,229</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>Total 2 Yr</b>	<b>21,004</b>	<b>21,238</b>	<b>21,145</b>	<b>21,591</b>	<b>21,827</b>	<b>25,483</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>21.3%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>82,845</b>	<b>84,713</b>	<b>86,088</b>	<b>87,066</b>	<b>87,803</b>	<b>93,712</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>13.1%</b>

- Headcount enrollment increased 3.4 percent over last year’s total to 68,229. Overall, state headcount enrollment increased 6.7 percent.
- The largest percent increases in headcount enrollment were realized at West Virginia State University, Glenville State College, and Potomac State College.
- Headcount enrollment has increased 10.3 percent within the four-year sector over the last five years.

Institution	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	% Change	
							2008-09	2004-09
<b>Total FTE</b>								
Bluefield State College	1,563	1,486	1,530	1,561	1,632	1,730	6.0%	10.7%
Concord University	2,757	2,770	2,646	2,558	2,705	2,753	1.8%	-0.1%
Fairmont State University	3,770	4,220	4,045	3,647	3,956	4,031	1.9%	6.9%
Glenville State College	1,207	1,277	1,216	1,207	1,262	1,356	7.4%	12.3%
Marshall University	10,836	10,922	10,803	10,778	10,599	10,843	2.3%	0.1%
Potomac State College	1,017	1,013	1,154	1,266	1,242	1,468	18.2%	44.3%
Shepherd University	3,183	3,330	3,467	3,512	3,569	3,721	4.3%	16.9%
West Liberty University	2,379	2,251	2,246	2,293	2,408	2,546	5.7%	7.0%
WVSOM	363	397	503	598	691	973	40.8%	168.0%
WV State University	2,649	2,694	2,727	2,569	2,337	2,739	17.2%	3.4%
West Virginia University	23,652	24,601	25,678	26,287	26,997	27,212	0.8%	15.1%
WVU Institute of Technology	1,363	1,227	1,297	1,208	1,044	1,104	5.7%	-19.0%
<b>Total 4 Yr</b>	<b>54,739</b>	<b>56,188</b>	<b>57,312</b>	<b>57,485</b>	<b>58,443</b>	<b>60,476</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
<b>Total 2 Yr</b>	<b>13,918</b>	<b>13,659</b>	<b>13,831</b>	<b>13,768</b>	<b>14,089</b>	<b>16,086</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>68,657</b>	<b>69,847</b>	<b>71,143</b>	<b>71,253</b>	<b>72,532</b>	<b>76,562</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>

- FTE enrollment increased 3.5 percent over last year's total to 60,476. Overall, state FTE enrollment increased 5.6 percent.
- The largest percent increases were realized at WVSOM, Potomac State College, and West Virginia State University.
- FTE enrollment has increased 10.5 percent within the four-year sector over the last five years.

Further enrollment disaggregation will be provided as the data verification and editing process is finalized. Please contact me should you have questions or need further information.