

President’s Report—Faculty Senate 1.26.2021

1. Enrollment

Winter 2021 Enrollment Report				
	This Year	Last Year	Day Of Term	
Term:	Winter 2021 (202002)	Winter 2020 (201902)	22	
As of:	January 25, 2021	January 27, 2020		
	This Year	Last Year	Difference	Pct Change
Total Enrollment	4,157	4,577	-420	-9.2%
Total Credit Hours	51,133	56,630	-5,497	-9.7%
Total FTE *	3,465.9	3,834.5	-368.9	-9.6%
SCH/Student	12.3	12.4		
Total UG Enrollment	3,698	4,065	-367	-9.0%
Total UG Credit Hours	47,713	53,095	-5,382	-10.1%
Total UG FTE *	3,180.9	3,539.7	-358.8	-10.1%
SCH/Student	12.9	13.1		
Total GR Enrollment	459	512	-53	-10.4%
Total GR Credit Hours	3,420	3,535	-115	-3.3%
Total GR FTE *	285.0	294.6	-9.6	-3.3%
SCH/Student	7.5	6.9		

- a. UG resident enrollment is down 8.1%
- b. UG international is 51 compared to 93 last year
- c. Graduate international is 10 compared to 22 last year
- d. Hispanic enrollment is 19.5% of the total compared to 18.5% last year, but enrollment is 811 compared to 845 last year, a decrease of about 4%
- e. Fall to winter UG enrollment typically falls by 6%, this year the decrease is about 9% for HC and FTE

2. Legislative update

Budget

The universities top priority is to secure a \$900 million investment in the Public University Support Fund (PUSF) and we are seeking capital investments of at least \$548 million including \$80 million for CI&R.

Policy

- Implementation of **common course numbering** to support **transfer students** (multiple bills have been introduced, [Senate Bill 233](#) is the likely vehicle)
- For the last two weeks, Sen. Dembrow has convened stakeholder meetings to **discuss his common course numbering transfer proposal**. Participants included IFS members Tad Shannon and Donna Lane as well as PSU Provost Susan Jeffords, Dana Richardson, Dave McDonald, Melanie Muenzer and Alix Gitelman. This group is scheduled to meet again this week before the Senator submits an amendment request to [SB 233](#). While there is general agreement to implement a common course numbering system through a Transfer Council, additional details are still being negotiated among stakeholders and with the Senator.

- Establishing a Task Force on Student Success for Underrepresented Students in Higher Education which could lead to statewide discussion on sustainable investments in higher education in Oregon ([House Bill 2590](#)).
- [HB 2919](#) would require universities to display total costs of required course materials and fees. Although we participated in a work group to develop this bill prior to Session, there are still several issues to be discussed. The bill is in House Education and has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.
- [HB 2093](#) is the HECC's vehicle to propose changes to the OOG and the Oregon Promise that would effectively dissolve the Oregon Promise and establish two student financial aid funds, one for high financial need "pipeline" students and one for all other high financial need students.
- Sen. Courtney has again introduced a bill, [SB 1](#), that would permit the merger of a community college and public university.
- [SB 230](#) that would authorize WOU, SOU and EOU to offer professional doctoral degrees has been referred to the Senate Education Committee and is not yet scheduled for a hearing.

3. **DACA:** Preserving and Fortifying Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

The Biden administration has reversed the Trump administration's executive orders on DACA with a return to the Obama policy—below is an excerpt from President Biden's January 20th order:

This memorandum, known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) guidance, deferred the removal of certain undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children, have obeyed the law, and stayed in school or enlisted in the military. DACA and associated regulations permit eligible individuals who pass a background check to request temporary relief from removal and to apply for temporary work permits. **DACA reflects a judgment that these immigrants should not be a priority for removal based on humanitarian concerns and other considerations, and that work authorization will enable them to support themselves and their families, and to contribute to our economy, while they remain.**

4. **COVID-19—vaccination center**

With renewed hope for the future with active distribution of a vaccine, we are working out details with West Valley Hospital in Dallas for WOU to be a community vaccination clinic site. Although this does not change the timing of when students and employees may be vaccinated, we are happy to be a partner in improving the community response. Vaccinations are coordinated by the state of Oregon and more details can be found on the state's [COVID-19 vaccine website](#).

5. **Upcoming events**

- a. February 12 (10-11:30am): WOU:Salem Update. New series on 2nd Friday of 2nd month of fall, winter, and spring terms.
- b. February 17 (1pm-6pm): Board of Trustees regular meeting