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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oakland University Community

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Subject: Winter 2016 official enrollment

Please note that this is the first semester for reporting the official count exclusive of students who have dropped all of their courses, that is, dropped to zero credits. Prior year same-term numbers have been adjusted to remove these students as well, so that the comparison to the prior year remains consistent. The change to the count procedure affects student headcount only. Credits and FYES remain unchanged.

Official headcount for winter 2016 is 18,953, up just 0.4% over last year, but still a new high for winter enrollment. Students are enrolled in a total of 227,811 credits (up 2.8%), which comes to 7,522 FYES, up 2.1% from last year.

Table I shows the breakout of winter 2016 compared to winter 2015. The School of Medicine (SOM) is included in the graduate totals. 388 SOM students are enrolled for a total of 14,859 credits (for an average of 38.3 credits each), equaling 194 FYES.

Table I: Comparison of winter headcount, credits and FYES

	HEADCOUNT			CREDITS			FYES*		
	UG	GRAD	TOTAL	UG	GRAD	TOTAL	UG	GRAD	TOTAL
Winter 2016	15,616	3,337	18,953	194,093	33,718	227,811	6,454	1,068	7,522
Winter 2015	15,459	3,427	18,886	190,267	31,279	221,546	6,316	1,050	7,366
Difference	157	-90	67	3,826	2,439	6,265	138	18	156
% change	1.0%	-2.6%	0.4%	2.0%	7.8%	2.8%	2.2%	1.7%	2.1%

* FYES calculations exclude competency exam credits and on-line credits taken by non-resident students. SOM FYES are calculated on headcount, not credits.

Undergraduate headcount is up by 1%, while credits and FYES increased by 2.0%.

Graduate enrollment is down 2.6%, while credits are up 7.8%, and FYES 1.7%. If SOM credits are excluded, graduate credits are down about 3% from last year.

Table II presents comparisons of the numbers of new student numbers compared to winter 2015.

Table II: New student enrollment

	NEW FTIAC	NEW TRANS*	OTHER UG**	TOTAL UG	GRAD I	GRAD II	OTHER GRAD	TOTAL GRAD
Winter 2016	45	591	185	821	236	28	35	299
Winter 2015	34	614	187	835	286	51	44	381
Difference	11	-23	-2	-14	-50	-23	-9	-82
% change	32%	-3.7%	-1.1%	-1.7%	-17.5%	-45%	-20%	-22%

*New Transfers include Second UG Degree Students

**New Other UG includes Post Bachelor, College Guest, and Non-Matriculated students

Although new FTIACs are up substantially, lower new transfer enrollment resulted in overall new undergraduate student enrollment being down. This drop was expected as new transfer enrollment has been affected by decreases in community college enrollment. However, returning student enrollment is up by 1.2%. The fall to winter FTIAC retention rate is 91.5%, lower than last year's 92.9%.

Overall, new graduate enrollment is down by 22%, with substantial decreases in all categories. New doctoral enrollment is down 45%, while new masters' level enrollment is down by 18%, and professional development is down by 21%. Returning graduate student enrollment, excluding the School of Medicine, is down by 3.1%. Including SOM, the overall return rate is down 0.3%.

Cumulative FYES to date for FY15 is 16,434, compared to 15,998 at this point last year, an increase of 2.7%. Total FYES for the year is expected to be over 17,400, an increase of about 2% over FY15.

OIRA will provide a more detailed report on winter enrollment in the coming weeks.