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MEMORANDUM

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| ATTENTION | Senate | DATE | September 28, 2009 |
| FROM | Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost | PAGES | 1/3 |
| RE: | Update on Enrollments | | |

At the September 2009 meeting of Senate, Senator Colin Percival asked for an update on enrollments for the fall. He subsequently provided a more detailed request for some data and some explanations for exceeding the University's targets, as follows:

1. For each faculty, the number of domestic undergraduate students admitted, vs. the targets approved by Senate at the March 2009 meeting.
2. For each faculty, the number of international undergraduate students admitted, vs. the targets approved by Senate at the March 2009 meeting.
3. For each faculty, the entry GPA cutoffs used and (if possible) the average entry GPA.
4. For each faculty, the total undergraduate enrolment vs. the plan approved by Senate.
5. Anything else (e.g. retention rates, graduation rates, average number of credits taken per student) which you think has contributed.

The following data refers to the situation at the end of the first week of the fall 2009 semester.

2009/10 Enrollment Targets

Senate's approved targets for new domestic and international student intakes for 2009/10 are 5,467 and 608 respectively. The approved domestic and international program FTE targets for the year are 17,592 and 1,760 respectively. The international program FTE target is approximately 10% of the domestic target. A breakdown by Faculty is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: 2009/10 New Student Intake and Program FTE Targets

| Faculty | New Student Intake Targets | | Program FTE Targets | |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Domestic | International | Domestic | International |
| APSC | 424 | 53 | 1,389 | 200 |
| FASS | 2,626 | 324 | 7,315 | 710 |
| BUS | 285 | 80 | 2,246 | 466 |
| FCAT | 425 | 78 | 1,672 | 186 |
| EDUC | 360 | 6 | 1,001 | 2 |
| ENV | 77 | 3 | 346 | 9 |

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| HSCI | 204 | 11 | 600 | 18 |
| SCI | 1,066 | 53 | 2,949 | 168 |
| Undeclared | - | - | 74 | 1 |
| SFU Total | 5,467 | 608 | 17,592 | 1,760 |

Fall 2009 Enrollment Targets

The Fall 2009 allocations of the approved SFU targets are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Fall 2009 New Student Intake and Est. Program FTE Targets

| Faculty | New Student Intake Targets | | Program FTE Targets | |
|------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Domestic | International | Domestic | International |
| APSC | 356 | 34 | 582 | 77 |
| FASS | 1,810 | 170 | 3,093 | 276 |
| BUS | 246 | 51 | 889 | 172 |
| FCAT | 363 | 52 | 720 | 77 |
| EDUC | 208 | 2 | 339 | 0 |
| ENV | 50 | 2 | 145 | 5 |
| HSCI | 167 | 11 | 265 | 10 |
| SCI | 920 | 33 | 1,294 | 63 |
| Undeclared | - | - | 26 | 0 |
| SFU Total | 4,120 | 355 | 7,353 | 680 |

Fall 2009 Enrollment Actuals (ewk1)

Table 3 shows the actual enrollments for Fall 2009 and Table 4 shows the variance between Target and Actual. Based on end of week one actual enrollment, the international program FTE actual is 12% of domestic program FTE actual for the Fall term.

Table 3: Fall 2009 New Student Intake and Program FTE Actuals (ewk1 Actuals)

| Faculty | New Student Intake Actuals | | Program FTE Actuals | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Domestic | International | Domestic | International |
| APSC | 437 | 108 | 615 | 108 |
| FASS | 1,990 | 423 | 3,326 | 408 |
| BUS | 259 | 168 | 893 | 235 |
| FCAT | 419 | 64 | 777 | 79 |
| EDUC | 205 | 3 | 362 | 2 |
| ENV | 89 | 8 | 149 | 6 |
| HSCI | 357 | 41 | 325 | 23 |
| SCI | 783 | 55 | 1,276 | 79 |
| Undeclared | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| SFU Fall Total* | 4,541 | 870 | 7,725 | 941 |

*Column totals may not exactly sum up due to rounding.

Table 4: Fall 2009 Variance (ewk1 Actuals – Target)

| Faculty | New Student Intake Variance | | Program FTE Variance | |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Domestic | International | Domestic | International |
| APSC | 81 | 74 | 32 | 31 |
| FASS | 180 | 253 | 233 | 133 |
| BUS | 13 | 117 | 4 | 63 |

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|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| FCAT | 56 | 12 | 57 | 2 |
| EDUC | -3 | 1 | 23 | 2 |
| ENV | 39 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| HSCI | 190 | 30 | 60 | 13 |
| SCI | -137 | 22 | -17 | 16 |
| Undeclared | 3 | 1 | -24 | 0 |
| SFU Fall Total* | 421 | 515 | 372 | 261 |
| % SFU Target ¹ | 110% | 245% | 105% | 138% |

*Column totals may not exactly sum up due to rounding.

The entry GPA's were as follows:

- CMPT: 80%
- ENSC: 75%
- Business: 90%
- FCAT: 78%
- Environment: 78%
- Science: 78%
- Health Sciences: 75%
- FASS: 80%
- Education (BGS): 80%

These generally represent an increase over last year (75% except Business 85%) and the previous year (73% except Business 85%). We have therefore increased enrollments at a time when the entrance GPA has also risen. This has been achieved through increasing the yield rate – the percentage of applicants who eventually register as students – and by increasing the number of out-of-province registrants. It also appears that we have a slightly higher retention rate than expected, even though the percentage of students who are required to withdraw has increased slightly from about 1% (06/07) to 2.5% (08/09). It is possible that the RTW rate will now decline as the GPA minima are raised.

The same GPA is used for domestic and international students. Because the GPA distribution across those two populations is not the same, it is difficult to meet both domestic and international targets exactly. This is one of the reasons for increased international enrollments.

In the spring there were signs that we would exceed our targets. However, we decided not to make adjustments because of the many factors that have created uncertainty this year, including the following:

- a. the impact of a volatile economy on domestic enrollment
- b. widespread concern that international students would not arrive due to the recession
- c. the impact of the five new B.C. universities on enrollments
- d. the impact of the September adjustment to the provincial budget

The over-enrollment of new students has been compounded by higher than usual retention of continuing students (3% higher than expected for domestic students and 11% higher than expected for international). There is no evidence that students are graduating at different rates, and average credits taken do not seem to have changed.