

PSU spring enrollment up 2.3 percent

Spring semester enrollment at Pittsburg State University is the highest it has been in 12 years, according to figures released by the Kansas Board of Regents today. Headcount at PSU is 6,206 students, an increase of 142 students or 2.3 percent over the previous year.

PSU Registrar Lee Christensen said undergraduate enrollment was up 69 students (1.4 percent) and graduate enrollment was up 73 students (7.4 percent). Total credit hour production is the highest for a spring semester in the university's history with students taking a total of 82,185 hours of instruction. Continuing Studies enrollment increased by 225 students over the previous spring semester to 2,116.

PSU President Tom Bryant said the healthy spring enrollment increase was welcome news.

"We're always pleased when an increasing number of students make Pittsburg State University their choice," Bryant said. "It reflects their confidence in the quality of the university and its programs as well as the fact that PSU offers quality that remains affordable."

Bryant said the university is working hard to ensure that once students arrive at PSU, they are successful.

"Retention goes hand in glove with recruitment in our efforts to manage the university's growth," Bryant said. "We make every effort to help students develop the skills they need to succeed academically."

Bryant said that while steady, managed enrollment growth is important to Pittsburg State, "it is not the best measure of a university's success."

"Pittsburg State is not a great university because our enrollment has grown," Bryant said. "A great university has strong programs, superior faculty and staff and a climate that nurtures and supports its students. We offer those things to students and we believe that PSU's growth reflects those efforts to be better each and every year."

