

DATE: November 18, 2010

SUBJECT: Fall 2010 Update on Enrollment and Graduates

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Staff will present a profile of fall 2010 student enrollments and an overview of recent graduation trends. Analyses will be provided regarding student enrollment, academic progression, and graduation.

Fall 2010 total headcount enrollment is up 4.2 percent in Tennessee public and private higher education relative to last fall, with the following changes in enrollment by sector:

- 2.5 percent decrease among the Tennessee Technology Centers (TTCs)*;
- 6.2 percent increase among community colleges;
- 4.1 percent increase among TBR universities;
- 1.9 percent increase among UT campuses; and
- 3.1 percent increase among institutional members of the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA).

Public sector institutional detail is attached.

** Note: The TTC analysis is based on annual full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment, a more stable indicator of enrollment activity for these institutions.*

During academic year 2009-2010, Tennessee public institutions of higher education conferred graduate and undergraduate degrees and certificates to 35,763 students. Total degrees awarded increased by 3.3 percent, with the following changes in awards by sector:

- 16.8 percent increase in degrees and certificates awarded by community colleges;
- 1.8 percent decrease in degrees awarded by TBR universities; and
- 0.6 percent increase in degrees awarded by UT campuses.

Profiles of graduates by institution as well as by major are attached.