



DATE: November 6, 2020
TO: District Enrollment Management Committee (DEMC)
FROM: Chancellor Ronald Gerhard, CLPCCD
CC: District Planning & Budget Committee (PBC)
SUBJECT: DEMC FTES/FTEF Recommendation Response

Dear Colleagues:

I acknowledge your contributions and work that have led up to DEMC making the FTES and FTEF recommendations for 2021-22. It is never easy to discuss recommending reduction of enrollment targets, as it seems so contrary to our mission and purpose.

Based upon your objective review of not only the fiscal circumstances but also of enrollment data on our most recent terms, you have recommended FTES and FTEF targets of 16,974 and 1,088.10 respectively. Under these circumstances, I am in complete agreement and support of your recommendations with one note of caution.

When these targets were discussed, the dialogue was framed and based upon review of enrollment data that was in a pre-COVID-19 environment. We are all aware of the negative impact COVID-19 has had upon our Fall 2020 term. While our summer 2020 enrollments were up significantly, our fall 2020 enrollments have decreased between 10 and 12%. We will soon know if our spring 2021 enrollments will follow this trend.

So, while I am in full support of the recommendations for 2021-22, should there be a decline in spring 2021 enrollments at the same level experienced in fall 2020, it will be incumbent upon revisiting these targets in February and/or March 2021.

Regards,

Ronald P. Gerhard
Chancellor