Today marks the first day of the Spring semester at Santa Barbara City College! As we begin a new term, I want to share some information with colleagues and friends of the College.

Enrollment: Spring 2017

In the bigger picture, the Main Campus headcount has been steadily declining over the last several years. For example, the number of students enrolled in Fall 2009 was 5,070, while in Fall 2016, it dropped to 4,748 (a decline of 3,015 students, or about 18%).

In addition to these declines, we also served 1,868 students at the local high schools through the Dual Credit Program, which allows students to earn college credits while still in high school. These students are counted as one full-time equivalent student.

This method of calculating enrollment has been consistent with the university community for many years. However, it can sometimes lead to confusion, especially when comparing enrollment numbers across different institutions.

As such, it makes sense that our official enrollment should be reported as actual individuals, rather than as a headcount. This approach allows us to accurately track the number of students attending our institution, which is important for planning and resource allocation.

I want to personally thank you for the warm welcome I have received here and for your continued support. Please visit our website for more information.

Message from the President - January 2017

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