TO: Campus Community

FROM: Royce C. Engstrom, President

The following release will be sent to the news media shortly. I wanted to make sure you all received a copy as well. Thank you.

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**UM Releases Fall Enrollment Figures**

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana enrollment numbers show a 6.4 percent increase in freshmen students on the Mountain Campus for fall semester 2014, according to the UM Office of Planning, Budgeting and Analysis.

Total UM headcount enrollment was down 3.9 percent from the previous fall – a decline that University officials had expected, given the past two years of smaller incoming classes and large graduating classes of recent years.

Overall, the fall 2014 headcount enrollment is 13,952, which is 573 fewer than a year ago. New freshman students totaled 1,597 on the Mountain Campus for fall 2014 – an increase of 96 students. The total headcount for freshmen on the Mountain Campus and Missoula College campuses is 2,002 – an increase of 59 students.

“We’re excited to welcome all our new and returning students and especially glad to see an increase in the number of new students,” said President Royce Engstrom. “The University has worked hard these past two years to increase the scholarships we offer students and to improve our outreach to prospective high school students in Montana and across the country.”

On the Mountain Campus, UM also saw an increase in the average high school GPA for new entering freshmen. The fall 2014 average is 3.31, compared with 3.27 for the previous fall.

New resident and nonresident freshmen numbers both increased on the Mountain Campus. For incoming resident freshmen on the Mountain Campus, UM shows an increase of 4.5 percent in headcount over the previous fall. For nonresident freshmen, UM shows an increase of 9.7 percent in headcount.
For graduate students, the fall 2014 enrollment is 2,260, compared with the previous fall enrollment of 2,271.

Missoula College enrollment for fall 2014 declined 9 percent to 2,245 students. Last month, the University broke ground for a new Missoula College building east of the Mountain Campus along the Clark Fork River.

“We are confident that the new building will be attractive to future students and to current and future employers in Missoula and our region,” Engstrom said.

The total UM enrollment of 13,952 translates into an unofficial overall student full-time equivalent (FTE) of 11,651. An FTE represents 15 undergraduate or 12 graduate credits.

Last week, U.S. News & World Report ranked the University of Montana at 194 among the top 200 colleges and universities in the nation. It is the only Montana institution to rank in the top 200.

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