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USDSU Breaks 3,000 in Headcount Enrollment

VERMILLION, S.D. – USDSU continues to meet the demand for public higher education in the Sioux Falls area, growing nearly 11 percent in unduplicated headcount over the past year and delivering 14 percent more credit hours of instruction over the same time. Executive Dean Mark Lee, in his annual report to the South Dakota Board of Regents, said USDSU served 3,190 students in the three academic semesters ending this spring.

USDSU, the public higher education center in Sioux Falls, is a partnership of Dakota State University, South Dakota State University, and The University of South Dakota, which all offer courses and degree programs at the facility. “USDSU is embraced by the community, both in terms of student enrollment and support from many organizations,” Lee said.

Semester	Unduplicated Headcount	% Change (from same semester previous year)	Credit Hrs Delivered	% Change (from same semester previous year)
Fall 2003	1,825	10.6 %	14,091	14.3 %
Spring 2004	1,919	9.0 %	14,524	9.0 %
TOTAL (includes Summer 2003)	3,190			

Lee noted the center continues to post enrollment increases not only year to year, but between semesters. “This year’s spring semester headcount was 5.2 percent greater than last fall’s,” Lee said. “It’s common to see some drop-off in student numbers between the fall and spring semesters, but it just isn’t happening here,” he said. Lee said the 2003 summer term also produced an impressive jump of nearly 30 percent over the previous summer in total credit hours delivered.

“As Sioux Falls continue to grow—both in terms of population and its economy—there will be increasing demand for public higher education offerings,” said Regents President Harvey C. Jewett. “USDSU is hitting the mark by providing convenient access to its customers who are primarily non-traditional students and seeking continuing education or career advancement.”

USDSU’s most popular academic offerings are in health care, business, information technology, and graduate education programs. There are 17 faculty members teaching exclusively at the Sioux Falls center, primarily in high-demand general education courses.