FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

COUNCIL 6/04

FINAL ENROLMENT REPORT FOR 2004

Key Points

• Enrolment data is based on the DEST census date of 31 August 2004 (whole year figures based on final official data revised 02 November 2004).

• Total students: 15,181. This compares with 14,357 at the 31 March 2004 census date and 14,765 at the 31 August 2003 census date.

• Total EFTSU: 10,546. This compares with 10,351 at the 31 March 2004 census date and 10,491 at the 31 August 2003 census date.

• DEST's total non-research enrolment load target for Flinders for 2004 is 7,305 EFTSU (7,240 undergraduate). This includes the targeted innovation places under the Commonwealth’s Backing Australia’s Ability initiative, Commonwealth targeted regional places and Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship places.

• Domestic undergraduate enrolment load (excluding non-award) is 7,807 EFTSU, which is 567 EFTSU (7.8%) over the DEST target. Where an institution enrols more undergraduate students on a HECS liable basis than its undergraduate target, the Commonwealth will pay the minimum discounted HECS contribution ($2,826 in 2004) for each HECS liable undergraduate place (EFTSU) above the undergraduate target.

• Enrolment load in research higher degrees, exclusive of international students but inclusive of those who have exceeded the maximum time for completion, is 508 EFTSU (788 students - 138 commencing and 650 continuing students). This compares with a total enrolment of 517 EFTSU at the 31 March 2004 census date and 499 EFTSU at the 31 August 2003 census date. The load attributable to the Research Training Scheme (RTS) (i.e. exclusive of those who have exceeded the maximum time for completion and international students) is 470 EFTSU. This compares with 487 EFTSU at the 31 March 2004 census date and 467 EFTSU at the 31 August 2003 census date. The 470 RTS EFTSU are distributed as 210 high cost and 260 low cost places.

• Enrolment load in fee-paying postgraduate coursework programs is 577 EFTSU (1,592 students). This compares with a total enrolment of 511 EFTSU at the 31 March 2004 census date (1,316 students) and 581 EFTSU (1,628 students) at the 31 August 2003 census date. Effective 2002 the Commonwealth introduced the Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme (PELS). This is an interest free loans facility for fee-paying postgraduate coursework students, with repayments to the Commonwealth being contingent upon income as per HECS. The University receives funding for these students (the full fee) direct from the Commonwealth. 619 students (273 EFTSU) have taken up PELS.

• 2,494 international students (1,555 EFTSU) are enrolled. The 2,494 students, of whom 1,223 are commencing students and 1,271 are continuing students, includes 71 non-DEST reportable non-fee-paying exchange students. There are 1,583 students studying onshore and 911 studying offshore. At the 31 March 2004 census date the University had 2,068 international students: 1,303 EFTSU; 817 commencing/1251 continuing; 1,317 onshore/751 offshore; 46 non-DEST reportable non-fee-paying exchange students. At the 31 August 2003 census date the University had 1,968 international students: 1,340 EFTSU; 867 commencing/1101 continuing; 1,421 onshore/547 offshore; 68 non-DEST reportable non-fee-paying exchange students.

• Attached are summary tables of the enrolment data at the DEST census date of 31 August for 2004 and 2003.

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