How has the credit enrollment decline this Fall been distributed among our facilities? Has it been confined to just a few sites, or has it affected utilization among all of them?

Figure 1 compares the weekly student contact hours taught at every site for this Fall compared to last Fall. (Weekly student contact hours are used by MHEC and DBM to measure facility utilization.)

The percent declines ranged from 8 percent (Other, including clinicals at hospital, courses at MCCT, etc.) to 48 percent (Reisterstown Plaza Center, which is used mostly for non-credit instruction). Enrollment in our E-Learning/Hybrid fell 24 percent after many years of steady growth. There was an 18 percent decline in credit courses at the Business and Continuing Education Center. BioPark experienced an 11 percent decline. By far, the most significant reduction in terms of the impact upon college-wide enrollment was the 22 percent decline at Liberty Campus.

Were the declines concentrated among classes by time of day?

Figure 2 compares weekly student contact hours by weekday before 5:00PM, evening/weekend, and e-learning/hybrid courses.
The percent decline in enrollment was greatest among our Evening/Weekend credit courses (-35 percent). Enrollment in our weekday courses before 5:00 PM fell at half that rate (-18 percent).

As a consequence of these declines, our credit enrollment is distributed by place and time as illustrated by Figures 3 and 4.
Well over half (58 percent) of our credit instruction occurs on weekdays before 5:00PM.
Liberty Campus accounts for 75 percent of our credit instruction, as measured in weekly student contact hours.

Our E-Learning/Hybrid courses account for 16 percent. All of our other sites combined account for 9 percent.

Before the decision to remove developmental courses from Harbor Campus was made in the 1980’s, Harbor Campus accounted for 40 percent of the enrollment there and at Liberty.