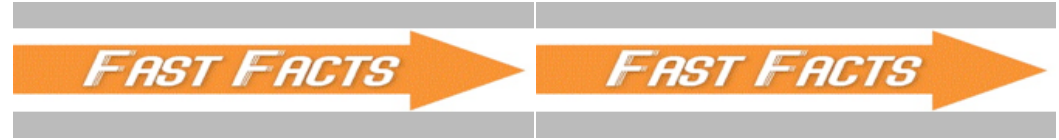
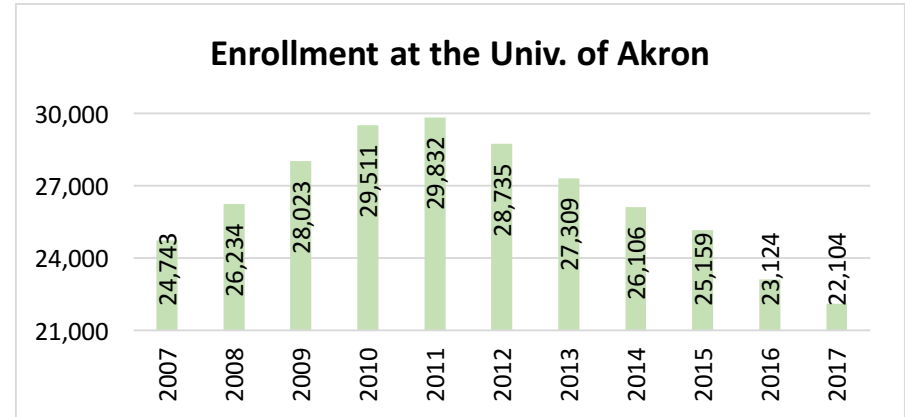
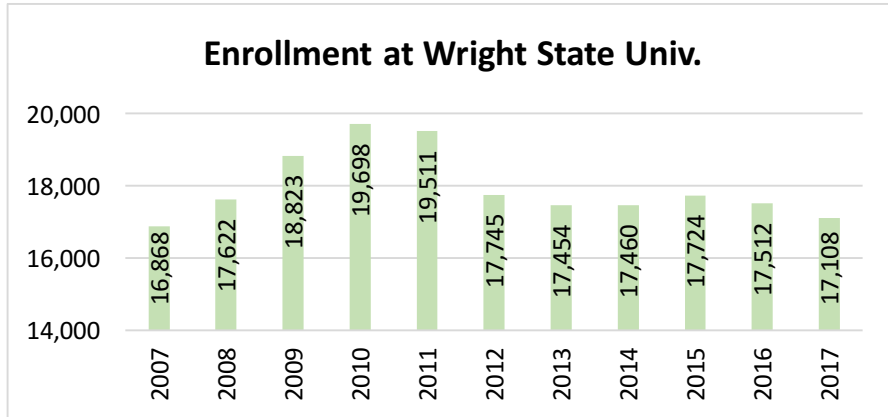


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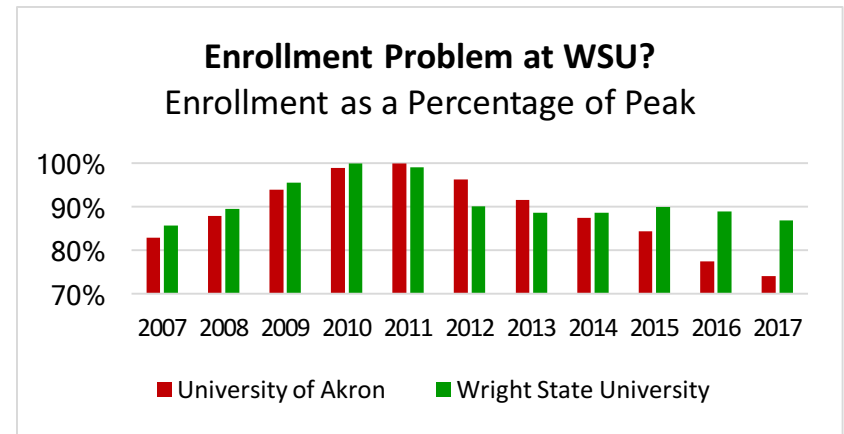


We are told that there is an enrollment problem at Wright State University. Let's see if that holds up to scrutiny.



The three years that are outliers in the WSU Enrollment Chart shown above left—2009, 2010, and 2011—have swollen enrollments due to the Great Recession, Ohio’s choice to focus federal rescue dollars on supporting the retraining of laid-off workers, and the advent of semesters in fall 2012. Otherwise, enrollments at WSU have been remarkably stable. To see a genuine enrollment problem, consider the Akron Enrollment Chart shown above right. (The two charts are scaled in the same way: from 70% of the peak enrollment, rounded up to the nearest thousand, up to the peak.) The comparison is perhaps best seen when one combines the two charts into one, shown to the right. By any reasonable standard, WSU has no enrollment crisis (but Akron does).

Given that our university has reported negative cash flows and declines in reserves since 2013, it should, again, be clear that enrollment declines were not a cause of that deficit spending. Nor will more “flexibility”—the gutting of our contract and workload agreement—enable the administration to resolve the real issues with our budget. Arguably, such “flexibility” will simply do the opposite—allow the administration to continue to ignore some of the real causes.



**Attend the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, December 15.
Demonstrate by your presence that the Board needs to negotiate a fair contract with AAUP-WSU.**

Enrollment data sources: Through 2016, page 3 of https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/data/statistical-profiles/enrollment/headcount_institution_campus_07-16.pdf
For 2017, table on page 1 (main campus) plus table on page 2 (Lake) of https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/data/statistical-profiles/ph_rpt_2017_master_0.pdf