Valley City State University reported a final headcount of 1,306 students for spring semester 2012, an increase of 7% over last year's figure.

The current semester’s student enrollment numbers mark the fifth consecutive Spring semester of enrollment growth at the University and represents the largest Spring semester student count since VCSU moved to a three semester academic year in the Summer of 1992.

Dr. Steve Shirley, president of VCSU, said, "As pleased as we are with these results, we remain focused on our mission, vision, and values, and our goals of providing accessible, innovative, and high-quality educational experiences and programs for VCSU students."

To accommodate the enrollment growth, VCSU has been taking several steps within the framework of its strategic plan, according to a release issued by Doug Andersen, VCSU director of marketing and communications.

“For example, the University has increased its instructional faculty and has introduced new programs in high-demand subjects such as majors in Medical Laboratory Science, Athletic Training, and Business Process Integration Management (BPIM), and a concentration in Criminal Justice,” according to the statement.

In addition, VCSU is upgrading its facilities including a $10.3 million expansion and renovation of the Rhoades Science Center, the renovation of Snoeyenbos residence hall into apartment-style suites, and a new artificial turf surface on its football field.

VCSU’s student numbers for spring 2012 follows its fall 2011 headcount of 1,384 students, the largest fall semester enrollment in the university’s history.