Honors Program Advisory Council  
Minutes, April 12, 2004 – 12:30pm  
Memorial Student Affairs Conference Room

Present: Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Sherri Harms, Ron Tuttle, Beverly Frickel, Ruth Brown, Glen Powell, Kenya Taylor

Not present: John Kundel and Jim Roark

Agenda:
1. The meeting began with introductions and an overview of the Honors Program and its organizational structure. The Honors Program reports directly to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs through Dr. Glen Powell. The program consists of 3 half time staff, the director, assistant director and secretary.

2. Gary talked about the current spring enrollment with a breakdown by major with deciding majors being the largest group. Then a breakdown of majors by college and cumulative GPA’s.


4. The purpose of today is to excite the council about the Honors Program and make it better for the students. General suggestions for honors advisory council consisted of questions regarding recruiting minority and international students into the honors program with problems such as the English barrier and other diversity issues; H-options and Senior projects were discussed; more research; projects with INCUR or the Undergraduate Research Journal; more feedback from instructors involved in the projects; using senior projects to bolster Research Day for a bigger audience. The HPAC should be involved in SAE and take a more active role in identifying students for the Honors Program. As advisors, they asked for better communication regarding the application to the Honors Program, requirements and benefits to the students and, seeking currently enrolled students, and to include the Honors Program with advising sessions in the colleges. Gary and Jane could alternate visits to the other departmental meetings. Gary hopes that the council will bring new ideas and courses to the Honors Program along with more faculty to teach honors classes.

5. The length of service to the council was determined to be at least one year. The next meeting will be in the fall of 2004.

6. Adjourned 1:45pm

Respectfully recorded by  
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