Honors Program Advisory Council
Minutes, January 12, 2005 – 4PM
Memorial Student Affairs – Conference Room

Present: Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Kenya Taylor, Dennis Potthoff, Ron Tuttle, Sherri Harms, Beverly Frickel

Not Present: Dusty Newton, Glen Powell, Janice Fronczak, Ruth Brown, Jim Roark.

Agenda:

1. Review of December minutes.

2. Gary offered an explanation of the Omaha World/Kearney Hub Scholarship finalists. We have 22 applicants who were invited and as of today 19 have accepted. Two students have declined, one is planning on attending UNL and the other offered no reason but one of the admissions counselors will follow up. The third student is still deciding. There was a nice article in the Kearney Hub about Trent Talbitzer, one of the finalists. The reception will be January 20th.

3. Jane reviewed the H-Options for students taking 300 and 400 level courses. There is an outline in today’s packets. The H-option is a contract with instructors. Beverly asked if the grades for H-options are built in to the final grade. Jane said that it is the choice of the professor. We (the Honors Program) don’t grade. The final H-option is called the senior study and is a capstone to the student’s university career and this project is turned in to the Honors Program and archived.

4. The assessment process began with discussion of the Honor’s Senior Portfolios and the General Rubric. The council was asked to consider 1) if the Rubric was complete, 2) does it ask the right questions, and 3) will it require changes. This has never been done in the Honors Program before. The Senior Projects are available for the students to look at as samples of how to do their own projects. Also, there was discussion about the seniors having an exit interview when they turn in their final senior study. Dennis said that he thought the H-option time frame was too short the student and the teacher and could it be started the semester before. It is a distraction and it complicates. Jane passed out the four randomly selected projects to each of the four college reps. The council was asked to look them over using the Rubric in assessing them and return them at the next meeting.

5. No discussion.
6. We will continue with the assessment process. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9, at 4:00PM in the Conference Room, Memorial Student Affairs Building.

Respectfully recorded by – JoLene Williams, Staff Secretary III