Honors Program Advisory Council
Minutes, February 9, 2005 – 4PM
Memorial Student Affairs – Conference Room

Present: Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Kenya Taylor, Dennis Potthoff, Sherri Harms, Beverly Frickel, Janice Fronczak, Ruth Brown, Glen Powell, Jim Roark.

Not Present: Dusty Newton and Ron Tuttle.

Agenda:

1. Review of minutes from January 12, 2005.

2. The discussion of the assessment and general Rubric began with Glen Powell’s encouragement of this assessment and that is the right path to go down for scholastic quality in regards to the Senior Studies. Sherri asked if the council thought the assessment had a quantitative aspect. Glen said it was 2 types of assessment, individual and institutional. We are breaking new ground. Dennis commented that, “when the Rubric is out there the students will rise to it.” Also, does the Rubric say what we want, there is mismatching for different internships, should there be different Rubrics…raising the bar. Gary commented on the retention aspect. We don’t want the honors students dropping out of the program because the work is too time consuming or demanding. Jim said it is about the students understanding of what they are writing about, “demonstration of the knowledge of content.” Dennis mentioned “specificity.” Does the honors student do more work or do we replace what others do? Jim replied that generally the honors student does more over four years and is viewed as being different…exemplary as opposed to adequate. The Rubric does not guarantee exemplary work. The Senior Study needs better specificity. What does it mean to have “honors” attached to it? The recommendation of the council is to have Jane revise the guideline and Rubrics and send it out to the members of the council for further revisionary comments.

3. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9th at 4:00PM in the Conference Room, Memorial Student Affairs Building. Adjourned at 5:00PM

Respectfully recorded by – JoLene Williams, Staff Secretary III