Honors Advisory Council  
Minutes – March 9, 2005, 4:00pm  
MSAB Conference Room  

Present: Jane Christensen, Sherri Harms, Ruth Brown, Ron Tuttle, Dennis Potthoff, Janice Fronczak, Bryce Isackson (Honors Student Advisory Board member)  

Absent: Beverly Frickel, Glen Powell, Jim Roark, Kenya Taylor, Dusty Newton, Gary Davis  

Review and approval of the February 9, 2005 Council meeting. Janice Fronczak reported that Faculty Senate would like to see the reports of the Honors Advisory Council meetings more accurately reflect the discussion and/or actions of the Council to avoid confusion or misunderstanding. Some members of the Council are also members of the Senate, and have agreed to review the minutes for accuracy before the report is sent to Faculty Senate  

Examples of assessment of Honors Senior Studies from the College of Fine Arts and Humanities and the College of Business and Technology were presented. Copies of the original rubric were applied to these studies, and then attached to the studies. It was agreed that the Council representatives from the four colleges could assess the Senior Studies via the rubric or could solicit readers from the colleges’ respective departments for their expertise if the topic were outside the Council representative’s area.  

The assessment rubric itself will continue to be revised by Jane Christensen for discussion at the next Council meeting in April. Expectations of the Honors Senior Study will be made more explicit, and these guidelines distributed to all faculty and Honors students. A major expectation will be that the Honors seniors are expected to do higher-level work, not necessarily work different than that already required by a particular major for a senior project.  

Review and discussion of the submission date and processing deadline for honors option contracts will be a focus for the April 12, 2005 meeting.  

Adjournment at 5:05 pm.  

Respectively submitted: Jolene Williams, Staff Secretary III  
Revision, consensus, and approval by Christensen, Fronczak, and Brown