Honors Program Advisory Council  
Minutes, September 8, 2004 – 4:00pm  
Memorial Student Affairs Conference Room

Present: Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Sherri Harms, Beverly Frickel, Ruth Brown, Glen Powell, Kenya Taylor, Jim Roark, Dusty Newton, Dennis Potthoff, Janice Fronczak  
Student visitor: Jamie Dusin, President of the Honors Student Advisory Board (HSAB)  
Not Present: Ron Tuttle  

Agenda:
1. The meeting began with introductions.  
2. The council met for the second time with a main goal to make the Honors Program better for the students and keeping the lines of communication open to all departments.  
3. An overview of honors recruitment and retention numbers were discussed with the number of freshmen at 129 and an average ACT at 27.8 for 2004 Fall. There are 77 majors indicated by honors freshmen.  
4. Jamie Dusin, President of the Honors Student Advisory Council presented an overview of the events that HSAB has planned for September and October which includes an ice cream social, tailgate, campfire-picnic and kickball.  
5. Jane and Jamie talked about the “Campus Connection” program which was implemented during the Dr. Jussel era and re-emphasized this summer. One goal of this program is to introduce it campus wide. Sherri Harms offered to start a model of it in NSS.  
6. Scholars Recognition Day is scheduled for October 4th for high school juniors and seniors and UNK honors students will be used as escorts and hosts answering questions. The 2:30-3:00 time will be a mock honors class. A schedule of the day’s events was given to the council.  
7. The overview of the APR included discussions regarding possibly housing the Honors Program in Mens Hall in the future. The Assessment has strength in the Senior Study but will require the council to help by looking at them for content. Is the Honors Program providing the opportunity and is the student fulfilling their obligation? Dennis Potthoff mentioned making the senior study more powerful, ie..manuscript quality with some degree of shared understanding. Another existing strength is the Undergraduate Research Journal.  
8. The area of advising brought much discussion. It needs to be clearer to advisors and departments, cut down on the number of advisors to honors students with better scheduling of H-Options with clarity to faculty. This is a source of confusion.  
9. Dennis Potthoff brought up a discussion of scholarships and can we compete with other schools. Off campus and study abroad experiences were also discussed. Can we have a quality program without these? We have no true exchange. The student these are personally expensive and can be offset by
fundraising, traveling in groups for shorter periods of time and use better timing.

10. Possible topics for the next meeting may include, strategic planning, ACT requirements, generating more scholarship money to be competitive, advising and h-option concerns and Council involvement in the Senior Studies.

11. The next meeting will be October 13 at 4:00pm in the Memorial Students Affairs Conference Room. Adjourned at 5:10pm

Respectfully recorded by
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