Honors Program Advisory Council  
Minutes, October 13, 2004 – 4:00PM  
Memorial Student Affairs Building  

Present: Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Sherri Harms, Beverly Frickel, Dusty Newton, Dennis Potthoff, Ruth Brown, Jim Roark.  

Not Present: Ron Tuttle, Janice Franczak, Kenya Taylor and Glen Powell  

Agenda:  
1. Gary began by explaining the advising process of the Honors Program and handed the discussion over to Jane. Jane explained that we follow a true dual advising model. One of the perks to the honors students is the special day set aside for them to register for their classes. We do referrals for deciding students at advising. We let the students know what we expect at advising. Their first advising session is with the primary advisor and then the secondary advisor is Gary and Jane. Ruth asked: “why she has some freshman in a 300 level class”? This may have happened at the department level. Dennis liked the list of honors class offerings, finds it helpful in advising.  
2. Overview of recruiting and retention number, more data. The pre-programs account for the lower senior numbers (FR-129, SO-130, JR-127, SR-76). Honors students are predominately from Nebraska at 94%. There was discussion of the ACT requirement for the Honors Program. The minimum ACT for acceptance into the UNK Honors Program was 18 many years ago and is now 26 and at UNL it is 28.  
3. Sherri asked why the freshman honors numbers were down and the ACT scores were up? Gary responded that we always have the “no show game” and students do drop out in the beginning. He is proud of the numbers and we have high quality students. Sherri also asked how long is the attachment for the Campus Connection and that it is a good selling point for a supportive community for like minded individuals. Jane responded that the mentoring is for the entire freshman year.  
4. The Honors Program has mailed out 350 prospect letters from the list of students we had for Scholars Recognition Day and 360 counselor letters have mailed twice to remind them of the deadlines to apply to the Honors Program and to give them new brochures and applications. Dusty talked about changing the time for Scholars Recognition Day. Next year it will be on October 3, 2005 and will be in the morning with a luncheon. This year the attendance was good but down from last year. We had 130-140 RSVP’s and 29 no shows with 110 that attended.  
5. The “Freshman Research Fellowship Program”, Gary had a handout in the packet. Ken Nikels, Rick Miller, John Falconer and Gary Davis will meet next week to discuss this pilot program.  
6. Senior Day is scheduled for Oct 29th.
7. Goals for the two remaining meetings are for the council to continue gaining knowledge about how the Honors Program works, and to specifically look at both assessment measures and strategic planning.

8. The next meeting will be November 10 at 4:00pm in the Memorial Student Affairs Conference Room. Adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully recorded by
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