Honors Program Advisory Council
Minutes, November 10, 2004 – 4PM
Memorial Student Affairs Bldg.

Present: Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Sherri Harms, Beverly Frickel, Dusty Newton, Jim Roark, Janice Fronczak, Kenya Taylor and student visitor, Kylee Gardner

Not Present: Glen Powell, Ruth Brown, Dennis Potthoff, Ron Tuttle

Agenda:
1. Gary cleared up a discrepancy about UNL’s ACT score, it is 29 not 28 for their Honors Program.
2. We have completed advising as of today. Advising went smoothly and we have good classes to offer. Jane explained the types of holds that students have at early registration that are out of our control such as, NSE and pre-career majors or other university holds.
3. Concerning Honors Assessment: Jeanne Butler was happy with the Plan and Report. The assessment survey will be online for undergrads and alumni to provide student input to improve their Honors Program. There will be a pilot study of the online questionnaire with 30-35 freshmen to senior honor students. Some will be handpicked and some will be random. There will be an immediate round table discussion following for input from the students. Theresa Watkins will help crunching the data compiled by 3/1/05 to be ready by spring break or shortly thereafter.
4. Dusty talked about Senior Day, which took place Oct 29th. We had 455 students and about 400 parents. It was a very successful day. The 2nd Annual Multicultural Scholarship and Leadership Day took place Nov. 3rd and had 140 seniors attend. The 2nd Annual Cultural Unity Conference will be for all high school students and will take place April 1 & 2, 2005.
5. Comparative information about peer universities and colleges was presented; entrance requirements, credit requirements and scholarships. The purpose was to allow the council to make suggestions and if they deemed appropriate for UNK revise existing or adopt new policies regarding academic requirements or scholarships.
6. Concerning possible topics of interest to the council for the last meeting of the semester; Jane suggested changing philosophy on late joiners to the Honors Program; a better level of communication and cooperation between faculty and the Honors Program in recruiting current beginning freshmen; and for the council to look at our web-pages and suggest deletions/additions/links. The web pages are not updated yet. Justin Stamm will be our webmaster. We are waiting on the STAMATS software. Jim Roark talked about the goal of continuous improvement such as a colloquia for freshmen Honors Students. The next meeting will be December 8th at 4:00PM in the Memorial Student Affairs Conference Room. Adjourned at 5:10pm

Respectfully recorded by – JoLene Williams, Staff Secretary III