Honors Advisory Council  
Minutes – January 18, 2006  4:00PM  
MSAB Conference Room

Present:  Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Ron Tuttle, Dusty Newton, Ruth Brown, Linda Van Ingen, Beverly Frickel, Paul Twigg  
Absent:  Dennis Potthoff, Kenya Taylor, Glen Powell, Janice Fronzcak

Minutes were reviewed and approved from the last meeting in December.  
Gary reported the status of the Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub Scholarship applications, selection process, finalist interviews, and the luncheon coming up on January 26th.  Twenty three finalists have been invited from 67 applications received.  
Jane Christensen gave each council member a handout with information on each finalist.  
Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Mary Sommers and Dusty Newton are the selection committee.  The day will be divided into two parts, the interview process and a “mini” Honors class taught by Dr. Rob Luscher.

Jane explained to the council members about their role in assessing the Honors Senior Studies using the general rubric which was agreed upon last semester.  Jane asked the council to consider if we should add written commentary to the rubric.  Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.  Randomly selected Honors Senior Studies, approximately 4-5 from each college, will be distributed to college representatives for assessment at the February meeting, and results will be expected at the March meeting.

Communication between advisory council college representatives and the chairs of each college was discussed and seemed to be going well.

Last semester during registration, it was found that the “HON” flag on the 111 screen does not keep non-Honors students out of the H-sections of regular classes.  Although it happened infrequently, the students had to be “advised” out.  There may need to be a block on H call numbers created.

The submission of H-Option contracts at the time of Honors registration has proved to be working well so far.

Paul Twigg asked about the Campus Connection mentoring program for honors students.  Jane will distribute freshman information to upper-class Honors “CC” volunteers in August rather than April after it is known for sure who is enrolling at UNK.

Dusty said the applications are flowing in.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room in the Memorial Student Affairs Building.

Adjournment at 4:50PM

Respectfully submitted:  JoLene Williams, Staff Secretary III  
Revision consensus and approval by Davis, Christensen and Brown.