Honors Advisory Council  
Minutes – December 7, 2005, 4:00pm  
MSAB Conference Room  
Absent: Jane Christensen, Ron Tuttle, Glen Powell, Kenya Taylor, Dennis Potthoff, Paul Twigg.

Minutes were reviewed from the last meeting in October. The November meeting was cancelled. Introduction of Jamie Dusin, a senior from Phillipsburg, KS and President of the Honors Student Advisory Board. Jamie also edited two Honors Newsletters which are available on the Honors website. Jamie discussed the role of HSAB and the many events they sponsored first semester including fund raisers. Gary shared more data about the Honors Program from the student database which included all declared majors. All council members received a handout of that spreadsheet. In addition, he will send the data base by e-mail so the council members can sort the information any way they chose and to delete any sensitive data. Gary discussed the importance of the letter he sent to department chairs requesting Honors classes for Fall 2006 and Spring 2007. The goal is to have all Honors classes chosen one year in advance, which will help both Honor students and their academic advisors. The application process for the World Herald/Kearney Hub scholarship produced 65 applications. Thirty-one applicants had a composite ACT score of 30 or above while 33 applicants had an ACT of 28 or 29. One student had an ACT score of 27. The early Regents scholarships have been offered to 33 applicants of which, 27 have applied to the Honors Program. The number and quality of applications are very good and much of the recruiting success can attributed to the efforts of the Admissions counselors. The entire council agreed that the indicators look good for the Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub Scholarships.

There will be a reception on Sunday December 11 in the Cedar Room for the 15 graduating Honors Seniors. Gary told the council that the Honors Program gives the book “Tuesdays with Morrie” to all new Honors freshman, a practice started by Peter Longo. Beginning this semester the Honors Program will give graduating seniors the book “A Short Guide to a Happy Life”. Also, there will a pancake feed on Sunday from 9 -11pm in the Union atrium. This is a chance for the Honors students to gather for fellowship and food while taking a break from studying for finals. The response from the department chairs and students was very positive to the early H-Option contracts deadline during Honors registration for second semester (November 3). This was a significant change from doing H-Option contracts the first several weeks of each semester. The purpose of the change to the early registration date was to assist the registrar’s office with the paper work. Another advantage to the early H-Option is that class rosters at the beginning of each semester will identify Honors students on a separate class roster (ENG 102-01 and ENG 102H-01)

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, at 4:00 PM in the Memorial Student Affairs Conference Room.
Adjournment 4:55PM

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