Honors Advisory Council Minutes
September 20, 2006
MSAB Conference Room

Present: Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Beverly Frickel, Ron Tuttle, Dennis Potthoff, Petula Vaz, Aaron Dimock, Janice Fronczak, Paul Twigg, Linda Van Ingen, Carol Lomicky, Michelle Foley—VP Honors Student Advisory Board
Absent: Dusty Newton

Introductions took place. There are three new members: Petula Vaz—College of Education; Aaron Dimock—College of Fine Arts and Humanities; and Carol Lomicky, Faculty Assistant to the VCAASL, ex officio.

Minutes of the April 19, 2006 meeting were reviewed; no emendations or revisions.

Davis reiterated the goal of the Honors Advisory Council: mainly, so the Council, and the UNK community at large, has a better understanding of the UNK Honors Program.

Michelle Foley, Vice President of the Honors Student Advisory Board, presented to the Council the results of the first few Honors activities of the semester as well as the plan for upcoming events. The Annual Honors Ice Cream Social to welcome new freshmen and current Honors students back to UNK was very successful, with 147 Honors students in attendance. HSAB also hosted “Honors Week” in the middle of September with activities such as a “Flour Fight” and “Capture the Flag”. These students also help the Associate Director with Honors programs such as the Campus Connection Mentoring Program.

Davis gave a brief overview of the Honors Program: The total number of students in the Program is 453, with the breakdown by class rank: 109 freshmen, 106 sophomores, 107 juniors, and 131 seniors. Other data such as the percentile of current Honors students’ in the 30+ ACT range were given.

The freshman class’ average ACT score is 28.5, the highest of any yet.

Scholarship winners were introduced. The three full-ride Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub Scholarship winners are: Katie Bush, Kearney High; Katrina Chavez, Minden High; and Nate Wagner, Columbus High. The Cook Scholars are James Jelkin, Kearney High; Emma Fahrlander, Omaha Burke; Jordan Westengaard, Kenesaw; Bradley Luce, Utica; and Becky Fusby, Kearney High. The following are the percentiles of Honors students by class rank who hold some form of Honors scholarship: freshmen, 37%; sophomores, 59%; juniors, 34%; and seniors, 40%.

Christensen explained the H-Option data compiled from 2003-2006, which included the number of options done each semester by college, and also a report to accompany the statistical data which will become part the next Assessment Report due in October.
Scholar Recognition Day, a major recruiting event hosted in cooperation with the Office of Admissions, will take place on October 2. Honors advising will begin on October 3, so the college representatives were asked to remind their chairs to remind their departmental faculty advisors that Honors students will begin to request appointments for advising quite early, mainly because Honors students are allowed to register right after the seniors/graduate students—thus advising must begin very early. College representatives were also asked to write a brief informative overview of the Council meeting to give to their respective deans for dissemination to all departmental chairs in their respective colleges. The listings of the Nebraska University system Honors Programs from *Petersen’s Honors Programs and Colleges* was also distributed for the Council’s perusal, as comparative information among UNK, UNO, and UNL Honors Programs. Finally, the Council was asked to send any suggestions for topics for future discussion at future Honors Council meetings.

Adjournment at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
JoLene Williams, recording secretary; Jane Christensen, editor/reviser