Honors Advisory Council Meeting  
February 20, 2008  
Memorial Student Affairs Building Conference Room  

Present: Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Ron Tuttle, Beverly Frickel, Dennis Potthoff, Janice Fronczak, Aaron Dimock, Paul Twigg, Linda Van Ingen, Dusty Newton, Michelle Foley (HSAB)  
Absent: Petula Vaz  

Minutes from the January 23, 2008 HAC meeting were reviewed and approved.  

Agenda item number three was addressed first, due to other meetings/obligations of some HAC college representatives. The vote was called and seconded (Frickel/Tuttle) on the final draft of the Honors Advisory Council Governance Document. The vote was unanimously in favor.  

Christensen reported on the 2007 Honors Senior Studies. Five Senior Studies from each College were randomly chosen and distributed to the respective College representatives for assessment. Completed assessments are due in April.  

Christensen reported on Honors academic advising, which shall begin Monday, February 25. As always, Honors advising must begin very early as all Honors students (those who complete Departmental advising) preregister on April 2. A list of the Special Topics courses for Fall 2008 was also distributed for general interest. An e-mail will be sent to all Deans and Chairs with the listing of Honors general studies course offerings for Fall 2008, as well as the descriptions of the newest Special Topics courses. Also new to the Honors general studies course offerings is WSTD 220H; thanks to Dr. Linda Van Ingen, Director of Women’s Studies, for offering and teaching this course for Honors in Fall 2008.  

Michelle Foley reported on the current events of the Honors Student Advisory Board. Trivia Night was well-attended in Stout Hall Lounge. The next upcoming event is Rootbeer Pong on Feb. 27.  

Davis reported on Honors scholarships and their distribution. 203 applications to the Honors Program have been received by the Dec. 1 and Feb. 1 deadlines. Out of these, 154 total Honors scholarship offers of varying sorts have been sent—of these, 3 Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub scholarship offers were accepted, and many other scholarship acceptances continue to arrive. May 1 is the scholarship acceptance deadline. Out of 203 total applications, 21 were declined membership in the Honors Program (mainly because of low ACT, low class rank, or both).
Newton reported on UNK Senior Day, held Monday, February 11. 220 high school seniors attended, met with departmental representatives, and mingled at an Organizations Fair/Open House, in the Ponderosa Room of the Student Union. Formal tours were optional. This plan worked quite well for the students and parents visiting UNK. In addition to Davis’ data on Honors applications, Newton reported that Honors applications are indeed up 17% from last year at this time—and this is the first time Honors applications have numbered above 200. Also, 700 total freshmen scholarship offers from UNK for fall 2008 is a higher number than last year (658), and of these UNK scholarship offers, 154 Honors applicants were offered additional Honors Program scholarships.

On Saturday April 19 and Monday April 21, 2008, the UNK Honors Program will continue and expand the Early Honors Registration days, a new Advising and Enrollment early program for Honors students. For the first time on April 27, 2007, the UNK Honors Program invited incoming Honors freshmen to sign-up for Early Honors Advising and Enrollment, giving 53 Honors freshmen the opportunity to register earlier than any other incoming UNK freshmen. This year, the Early Honors Registration will expand to two days, with approximately 40-50 Honors freshmen per day. Their advising and enrollment experience will be nearly identical to a regular Summer Advising and Enrollment (SAE) day. The regular SAE college academic advisors will assist Jane Christensen, the Honors SAE advisor, to help these Honors freshmen select and enroll in Fall 2008 courses.

The 5-Year Academic Program Review for the UNK Honors Program is scheduled for October 2 and 3, 2008. Names from each College, and some administration, were forwarded by the Director and Associate Director of Honors to the SVCAA-SL for selection to sit on the APR Review Committee.

Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane E. Christensen, Associate Director, UNK Honors Program, and JoLene Williams, recording secretary