Honors Advisory Council Meeting  
September 17, 2008  
Memorial Student Affairs Building Conference Room  

Present: Mary Beth Ailes, Allison Blessing (HSAB), Gary Davis, Aaron Dimock, Beverly Frickel, Dennis Potthoff, Petula Vaz, JoLene Williams  
Absent: Debbie Bridges, Victoria Goro-Rapoport, Dusty Newton, Ron Tuttle, Paul Twigg  

Minutes from the April 16, 2008 Honors Advisory Council (HAC) were reviewed and approved.  

*Davis shared data on the 2008 Honors Freshman class, including total enrolled Honors freshmen (141); average high school GPA and ACT; in-state and out-of-state, as well as NE high school distribution; and majors. He also shared data on the entire Honors student population (total enrolled 479), and numbers in each class rank freshmen-senior level.  
*Davis then shared information on the two new Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub scholars, Nicholas Cooley from Morrill, NE, and Joshua Brummer from Kearney Catholic High School.  
Christensen shared data from Honors Advising and Enrollment days, which were held during two days in the third week in April, 2008. Approximately 109 Honors freshmen were advised and enrolled these two very early days; and approximately 36 were advised and enrolled during Summer Advising and Enrollment. Total applications to the UNK Honors Program for fall 2008 numbered 208; 33 openly declined, 184 accepted initially, and finally the Honors freshmen class enrollment stands at 141.  
*Allison Blessing, Vice President of the Honors Student Advisory Board (HSAB) reported on the latest HSAB news. The Board plans to host a “Flour Bash” for the new freshmen and the Campus Connection Honors Mentors on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. At the next HSAB meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18 the Board will prepare to send letters to all Honors parents inviting them to buy “Mid-Term Kits” for their Honors students to enjoy during mid-terms. These kits contain snacks and small trinkets designed to brighten the spirits of students as they study during one of the busiest times in the semester. This is the third year for this main fund-raiser for HSAB, and is generally quite successful.  
*Christensen reported on the plans for the annual major recruitment event Scholars Recognition Day, to be held Monday, October 6. Letters are sent to top 10% Nebraska High School juniors and seniors, and traditionally 200+ high school students and their parents attend.  
*Christensen reminded the HAC that advising will begin October 7 for Honors students as they will pre-register for spring on October 30, 2008, Honors Registration day. An e-mail will be sent next week to all chairs to remind faculty of upcoming requests for advising appointments by Honors students.  
*The Honors Program Academic Program Review will take place in early October 2009. A year-long extension was granted by the VCAASL due to Gary Davis’ back injury in May of 2008 which prevented work by Davis and Christensen during the summer to prepare for the planned APR in October 2008.  
*Davis concluded the meeting with a brief update on the two newest Roosevelt Honors Academy Scholars attending UNK this fall semester: Leendert de Die is from Marlburg, Netherlands, and Ayukonchong Agbornnip is from Cameroon, West Africa. Both are enjoying UNK tremendously, and both are living in Stout Hall, the Honors residence hall. Three UNK Honors students are attending Roosevelt Academy as well: Ashley Wegener, Mark Grupe, and J.T. Jelkin. All report to be having a wonderful time as well.  

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.  

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