Honors Advisory Council Meeting
October 15, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
Memorial Student Affairs Building Conference Room

Present: Mary Beth Ailes, Brittany Brown (HSAB), Jane Christensen, Gary Davis, Aaron Dimock, Victoria Goro-Rapaport, Jan Moore, Dennis Potthoff, Ron Tuttle
Absent: Debbie Bridges, Beverly Frickel, Dusty Newton, Paul Twigg

Minutes from the September 17, 2008 Honors Advisory Council (HAC) were reviewed and amended as follows: Jane Christensen was indeed present; Honors Registration Day for spring 2009 is Wednesday October 29, 2008.

*Brittany Brown, newly appointed Vice President of the Honors Student Advisory Board (HSAB) reported that 11 new applicants for seats on HSAB were interviewed last week, and 8 were selected, which increased the size of HSAB to a total of 15 members. They meet next on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008. Friday, Oct. 17, 2008 the Board will meet at The Roman for a social gathering to get acquainted with new members. Honors T-shirts arrived and will be distributed. The “Mid-Term Kits” fundraiser resulted in sales of 65 kits for Honors students—these kits were purchased by their parents to brighten student spirits during the very busy mid-term time of the semester.

*Christensen reported on Scholar Recognition Day which was held on Monday, October 6, 2008. 110 Nebraska high school juniors and seniors attended with their parents for a morning of informative panels, then a luncheon hosted by Chancellor Kristensen and the Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub. The Office of Admissions and the Honors Program administrators plan to meet soon to discuss possible changes in format of this important recruitment event to gain maximum response and efficiency.

*Davis reminded the HAC that Honors students will preregister for spring 2009 on October 29, 2008, from 7 a.m. until midnight. They are required to see their primary departmental advisors and obtain their advisor’s signature on the Honors Departmental Advising form, and submit the signed form to the Honors office in order to register on this very early day. Honors academic advising is optional.

*Davis reminded the HAC of deadlines for upcoming fall 2009 applications for Honors scholarships and membership in the Honors Program. The deadline for the Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub full-ride scholarships is December 1, 2008; the deadline for other Honors scholarships is February 1, 2009. Either application also serves as application for membership in the Honors Program. Davis encouraged HAC members to encourage any qualified prospective students they may meet this semester (or next) to apply to the Honors Program, as recruitment is indeed the responsibility of all faculty at UNK, not just the Office of Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions.

*Included in the information packet for this meeting were the “requirements” pages of UNO’s Honors web page. Forthcoming at the next HAC meeting will be the requirements of UNL’s Honors Program. Web site addresses for both University Honors Programs were also provided for those who may want to compare other facets of the UNL and UNO Honors Programs to the UNK Honors Program.
*Included in the information packet for this meeting were three pages of information copied from the Roosevelt Academy web site in Middelburg, Netherlands. Their web address was shared with HAC members as well.
*The HAC were reminded that the Honors Program will undergo its Academic Program Review in October 2009, and that UNK now has revised guidelines for the procedure for such a review. The URL for access to the revised UNK APR guidelines was provided for those who wish to peruse the entire document. HAC members were encouraged to think of ways the Council could participate in the APR process.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

The next schedule meeting of the Honors Advisory Council will be Wednesday, November 19, 4:00 p.m., Memorial Student Affairs Conference Room.

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