Honors Advisory Council (HAC) Meeting
January 20, 2010
Student Affairs Conference Room

Present: Jane Christensen, Gary Davis, Beverly Frickel, Victoria Goro-Rapaport, Samantha Post (HSAB), Dennis Potthoff, Ron Tuttle
Absent: Deborah Bridges (ex officio), Aaron Dimock, Jan Moore, Dusty Newton (ex officio), Jim Rohrer, Paul Twigg

Minutes for the December 3, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Samantha Post, Vice President of the Honors Student Advisory Board, reported on a number of plans HSAB has for spring 2010: their first meeting was a pizza party to get to know new members; they cleaned the storage room in Stout Hall lower level and plan to meet there now there is ample room; plans for the sales of Honors mugs for after spring break are in process; the committee is formed for the semi-formal dance held in conjunction with Stout Hall; Amanda Olson is preparing a new version of the on-line newsletter; and plans are starting for a barbeque in Harmon Park in April.

Davis reported on recruitment data of current UNK students. Since Labor Day, 13 currently-enrolled UNK students have applied to and been accepted into the UNK Honors Program. Sizes of each class are freshmen: 144; sophomores: 141; juniors: 105; and seniors: 117. There are a total of 507 in the UNK Honors Program.

Total number of applications for the Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub scholarships was 146. Of these, 67 were fully qualified (28+ ACT, top 10% ranking). From these 67, 33 students were invited to the interview. 30 have accepted, and will be interviewed on January 26 and 27, 15 student interviews each day. The interview team is Gary Davis, Jane Christensen, Dusty Newton, and Mary Sommers. The average ACT of these 30 interviewees is 31.

5 randomly sampled Honors Senior Studies were distributed to the respective college representatives for assessment. They are due in later March.

Three new students from the Roosevelt Academy in the Netherlands arrived the weekend before the spring semester began. Three UNK students will leave later this week to spend their semester at Roosevelt Honors Academy.

Dialogue with the SVCASL has begun regarding the Action Plan as response to the recent October Honors Program APR. High on the list of actions include reevaluating the half-time status of the Honors Director; solidifying Mens Hall as the future Honors Hall; collaboration with the Capital Campaign; more active participation in the Great Plains Regional Honors Council and the National Collegiate Honors Council; and establishing a UNK advisor(s) to identify and prepare UNK students for national and international scholarship competition.

The meeting was concluded at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Christensen, Associate Director, UNK Honors Program
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