Honors Advisory Council (HAC) Meeting  
April 21, 2010  
Student Affairs Conference Room

Present:  Jane Christensen, Gary Davis, Beverly Frickel, Victoria Goro-Rappaport, Dusty Newton, Dennis Potthoff, James Rohrer, Ron Tuttle, Kady Malmberg (Honors Student Advisory Board [HSAB] representative)  
Absent: Deborah Bridges, Aaron Dimock, Jan Moore, Paul Twigg

Minutes for the March 24, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved with one minor typographical error corrected.

Kady Malmberg was introduced as the new HSAB representative to HAC. McKenzie Wiese will also be attending the HAC meetings, per the suggestion by the APR team that 2 HSAB members be appointed to HAC with full voting rights.

Kady also reported that spring elections were held at the last HSAB meeting with the following results: Britney Zeller, President; Kady Malmberg, Vice President; Abbie Davis, secretary; Amelia Oerter, treasurer; and McKenzie Wiese, HAC representative for HSAB.

HSAB had a dance in late March which was a great success. The HSAB barbeque will be on April 29th at Harmon Park. All Honors students are invited.

Davis reported that the Annual Honors Spring Banquet will be Sunday, May 2. Dr. Mark Markes was elected Outstanding Honors Faculty of the Year by the Honors students and will be awarded a plaque for this honor. 3 graduating Honors Seniors will give senior responses/remarks, and all seniors will receive their bronze Honors Medallions to be worn at commencement. Freshmen will receive Honors lapel pins for successfully completing their first year, and sophomores and juniors will receive certificates of achievement.

Honors Senior Studies which were distributed to the college faculty on HAC for assessment were returned.

HAC members were asked to consider their seats on HAC. The staggered terms for each member allows for them to either stay on the Council or to step down. Dennis Potthoff announced he would step aside and ask Dean Scantling to consider a TE faculty to take his place. All other members elected to finish their terms.

Dusty Newton, Director of Admissions, reported on the success of Junior Day, held Monday, April 12, 2010. Approximately 170 juniors from high schools across the state attended with parents and family, for a total of approximately 300 guests that day. This was 30 more juniors than in 2009. The juniors and their parents took tours, attended college information sessions and panels.
Newton also commented on Honors Advising and Enrollment (HAE) day, held Monday, April 19. 58 Honors freshmen were enrolled on this early Honors day. This day is conducted exactly as any Summer Advising and Enrollment (SAE) day—the same agenda. Invitations for this very early enrollment opportunity were extended to those Honors freshmen who were granted a Regent’s scholarship and completed their applications by December 1, 2009. This is approximately one third of the incoming Honors freshmen class. All other Honors students will attend regular SAE starting May 17, 2010.

Christensen also commented on HAE. The day was hectic but fruitful, and students and parents seemed pleased and satisfied.

The day also afforded the entire SAE staff of advisors and student staff to practice utilizing MyBLUE for advising and enrollment. Glitches were encountered, as expected, but were overcome—and everyone learned quite a lot. It was great practice for upcoming SAE.

The Honors office and the office of Academic Advising sent the lists of General Studies courses, and the list of Portal courses with descriptions, and Honors general studies courses with descriptions to all the students who are accepted into the Honors Program. Most of the students then attended with choices already made for Portals and Honors/general studies courses. This made advising very smooth and efficient.

Davis reported that of 236 total applications for the Honors Program for fall 2010, approximately 140-150 will attend UNK and become part of the Program. In fall 2009, 145 Honors freshmen enrolled at UNK. Numbers for fall 2010 are up almost 20% over 2009. We are up in numbers slightly, and also the average ACT score is up as well.

Davis reported that 5 UNK students will attend the Roosevelt Honors Academy (RA) in Middelburg, Netherlands next fall, and 5 RA students will attend UNK for the semester. In spring 2011, 3 students from each institution will exchange.

Mens Hall, the newly designated Honors Hall, will be complete in its renovations in time for students to move in for fall 2010. Renovations included new plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and computer ports. There will be more lounges and study areas as well as conference rooms on the main floor. The Honors Hall will house approximately 140 Honors students, including some as private rooms. This should accommodate all those who wish to live in Honors housing, which will further enrich the Honors community.

This is the last meeting for HAC for this academic year. Meetings will resume in September 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
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