Foundational Courses, and Distribution Courses. Portal Courses will be a different issue. Davis and Christensen plan to create a selection process whereby Portal Course proposals will be considered and chosen as potential Honors Portals for incoming Honors freshmen. Dr. Daren Snider has been consulted as to suggestions for such a selection process. Some proposals have already been received.

HAC will meet only one time in October because of the APR. That date will be Oct. 21.

Respectfully submitted,

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JoLene Williams, Recording Secretary

Honors Advisory Council (HAC) Meeting
October 21, 2009
Sisler Room, MSAB

Present: Mary Ailes, Jane Christensen, Gary Davis, Aaron Dimock, Beverly Frickel, Dennis Potthoff, Paul Twigg
Absent: Deborah Bridges, Victoria Goro-Rapaport, Jan Moore, Dusty Newton, Ron Tuttle

Minutes for the September 23, 2009 meeting were approved.

Davis went over the eight primary points of the recent APR Executive Summary which was received last Friday, October 16, 2009, from Dr. Robert Spurrier, the External Reviewer.

These eight points are: 1) UNK Honors Program budget; 2) Honors conferences; 3) status of the Director/Associate Director/Secretary positions—from half-time to full-time; 4) permanent endowments to provide stability for Honors scholarships; 5) consideration of raising the amount of Honors credit hours required to complete the UNK Honors Program, from 24 to 27-30 hours (which could include experiential learning projects, community service, and/or study abroad); 6) the renovation of Men’s Hall for next Fall—becomes the new Honors Hall, as Stout Hall is slated for demolition within 2 years; 7) 2 student members on HAC rather than one, and both as voting members—Honors Student Advisory Board: election, by Honors student body, of one student from each class rank for more democratic representation; and 8) creation of an Honors Alumni Advisory Council to facilitate donations, track Honors Program graduates, and assist recruitment.

Overall, the UNK Honors Program APR was a tremendous success, with an overwhelmingly positive response from the External Reviewer and the APR team. The Honors administrators will present copies of the Executive Summary to the SVCAA/SL and the Faculty Liaison. After their feedback is obtained, the Honors administrators will form an Action Plan based on the recommendations of the Team and the recommendations of the SVCAA/SL.

Response from members of HAC was varied: how will the new GS program affect Honors? Will this affect H-Options? How will the new PeopleSoft student information system affect advising? --Most of these questions are not answerable at this time, but the Self-Study report written by the Honors directors clearly indicates a willingness to adapt to any changes necessary to keep the UNK Honors Program of the highest quality for its students.
Samantha Post, Vice President of the Honors Student Advisory Board (HSAB) reported that the Board sold 85 “Mid-Term Kits”—gift bags of candy, juice, and other treats—to Honors parents to send to their Honors students in preparation of this busy time in the semester. This fund raising effort went very well. The next event hosted by HSAB will be a Pumpkin Carving—not a contest, but a social event.

HAC will not meet in November; HAC will meet next on December 2, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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