Honors Advisory Council Meeting (HAC)
February 23, 2011
Sisler Room, MSAB
Present: Mary Beth Ailes, Kevin Ripp (HSAB), Jane Christensen, Gary Davis, Beverly Frickel, Chris Knoell, Jan Moore, Aaron Dimock.
Absent: Victoria Goro-Rapaport, Dusty Newton, Ron Tuttle, Paul Twigg.
Frickel requested a change be made to the January 26th meeting minutes in the last paragraph on the 2nd page, to remove the phrase “in her college of B&T”.
Kevin Ripp, Honors Student Advisory Board representative, reported the plans to order more mugs are underway, and the fund-raiser will again be offered to the parents of UNK Honors students to purchase mugs. The annual Honors Dance is slated for March 11, 2011. A barbeque is scheduled for Thursday, April 28th, tentatively in Harmon Park.
Davis explained to the council that early advising of the Honors students begins March 2nd for the Fall of 2011. The advising forms and sign-up sheets will be available Monday Feb. 28th through March 29th. Early registration is Wednesday March 30th from 7am to midnight. The H-Options are also due that day.
Davis also reported that 203 acceptance/scholarship letters were mailed out on the Feb. 22nd. He included a handout with an overview of the scholarships and the freshman class. The success the new Honors Hall, Mens Hall has led to discussion about Randall Hall 3rd floor becoming an extention of the Honors hall.
Davis gave an overview of the Honors Program GPAs for 2010 fall, also with a handout. Dimock asked about the attrition rate. Davis explained that some of the honor students transfer to professional schools. Christensen explained the H-Option procedures and expectations to the council. Knoell suggested that the H-option be made known to the new faculty at new faculty orientation, as he was unaware when first presented to him. Christensen talked about the purpose of the H-option is to promote independent thought on the part of the student with the 3 H-options leading up to the Senior Study with all showing Honors quality expected of an honors student. Discussion of revising the guidelines for H-options will continue at the March 30th HAC meeting. Council members will bring further suggestions.
Adjournment at 5:00 p.m.
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