

Evolution Learning Community
Full Committee Meeting
October 6, 2006
12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

In attendance: Maggie Bannon, Kate Bruce, Tricia Kelley, Dale McCall, Bill McCarthy, Steve Meinhold, Tom Schmid, David Sepkoski, Ron Sizemore

News from Executive Council (Kelley, McCall, and Schmid):

- Meetings with Provost, CTE Director Carrie Clements, Dean Cordle (minutes of these meetings distributed earlier)
- Reminders of opportunities for faculty this year
 - Up to 4 Cahill Awards have been earmarked for evolution-related projects in sciences, arts, and humanities
 - Two CTE teaching initiatives have been similarly earmarked
- Evolution-related speakers this year
 - Ewald talks on evolution of infectious disease (public talk ,11/8, in Warwick 8:00 p.m.; 11/9 Biology department seminar in Dobo 6:30 pm)
 - E.O. Wilson in March 2007
 - Sigma Xi meeting speaker – Kelley will seek evolution-related talk

Discussion items:

- Darwin scholar concept
 - Originally conceived as 2-year postdoc or other long-term visiting scholar
 - Bruce suggested a series of 4 semester-long visitors hosted by different departments (e.g., scholars in residence in literature, biology, history, etc.)
 - Expectations of position? How much teaching would be expected? Sizemore suggested one seminar-style course, some additional seminar talks
 - Meinhold suggested that one of university houses should be reserved early for visiting scholar
- Need to begin to publicize our activities more broadly
 - Bruce suggested distributing brochure at Ewald's talk
 - McCarthy suggested developing list of courses related to theme - could list relevant classes on brochure
 - Schmid to draft brochure
 - Honors can help with printing costs
 - Could also display slide with ELC logo at beginning of Ewald's talk
- Gathering support for ELC
 - Meinhold suggested asking Chancellor for a proclamation; however, administration seems to be waiting to see if program will be noncombative
 - Sizemore suggested proclamation from Faculty Senate would provide strong backing for program
 - Sizemore will begin work on this idea
- Need to begin planning for Cornerstone Learning Communities
 - Bannon indicated that Kemille Moore already aware of program

- Moore also interested in “freshman read” book; Honors interested as well
 - Bannon will ask Moore to contact Executive Council to set up meeting
- Sepkoski stressed importance of lining up big name speakers (e.g., Eldredge) early because they will be in heavy demand in 2009
- Suggestions of other groups that might cooperate on these projects
 - Sizemore suggested talking to IT about teaching-related projects involving classroom technology
 - Sepkoski suggested partnering with Cape Fear Museum
 - McCall suggested Raleigh Museum
 - Meinhold stated that Cape Fear, Aquarium, and CMS are working on “Year of Ocean” for 2008 – this would be good follow-on collaborative opportunity
 - Schmid suggested library (Peter Fritzler) should also be involved
- Bruce reported that Honors has begun investigating possibility of trip to Galapagos
 - Best trips on small boats for < 40 people
 - Conservation issues involved in Galapagos
- Meinhold’s office continuing to assist in looking for grants for program and in working with advancement (Mary Gornto)
- Also need to get relevant department chairs on board – Kelley suggested attending science chairs monthly luncheon