

Evolution Learning Community
Executive Council Meeting
February 2, 2006
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

In attendance: Tricia Kelley, Dale McCall, Tom Schmid

Announcements:

- Reminder of Michael Ruse visit on 2/15/06.
 - Informal get-together with Ruse being scheduled by Kate Bruce for mid afternoon; we should plan to attend
 - Ruse talk 7:00 p.m., “The Evolution-Creation Struggle”

Discussion items:

- Budget needs to be developed to give to UNCW administration
- Activities requiring greatest support:
 - Scholarly conference
 - Teaching institute
 - Nobel laureate meeting
 - Trip to Galapagos or Patagonia
 - Educational packet
 - Traveling exhibit from museum
- Need determine which activities are feasible by identifying individuals to spearhead
 - Some individuals have already shown interest (Roer for Nobel laureates, Bruce/Honors program for trip)
 - Need to identify faculty for which evolution is important in teaching or research
 - Sigma Xi as channel for involvement
- Issues in planning for scholarly conference
 - How focused does topic need to be?
 - Do we want a research meeting? Or should this be focused on outreach?
 - Evolution teachers/researchers need to be involved in planning (check with Posey to identify relevant biology faculty)
- Need schedule presentation by Larry Cahoon and Dennis Kubasko on summer Chautauqua course on evolution and creationism
 - Brownbag luncheon on M, W, or F
 - Use as focus to bring together group of faculty involved in teaching evolution
- Need to meet with Dean Barlow, but not until ideas are clearer concerning public schools (Kubasko will join us in discussion)
- Tasks:
 - TS – schedule Cahoon/Kubasko brownbag
 - DM – work with Posey to identify relevant faculty
 - PK – meeting minutes