

Evolution Learning Community
Executive Council Meeting
March 17, 2006
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

In attendance: Tricia Kelley, Dale McCall, Steve Meinhold, Tom Schmid

ELC Executive Council met with Steve Meinhold to discuss possible sources of funding for ELC activities. ELC was apprised of the following:

- CAS currently has no research initiative money for current faculty (will be used to recruit new faculty)
- Cahill money available for faculty research efforts connected to ELC (ELC should send SM a specific request)
- CTE and CAS would be appropriate sources for teaching-related initiatives
- Undergraduate research awards: could ask Faculty Senate Research Committee to allocate funds to ELC-related projects
- Could make a direct request to Provost for support of ELC-related research activities or speaker support
- Advancement might be able to make requests to donors (would be appropriate to set up trust fund account for this purpose)
- IT innovations also support research, if IT related
- Meinhold's office can provide grant support in two areas: direct financial support (e.g., student assistant assigned to research funding sources), release time for faculty (overload pay, grant buyouts for those involved in organizing ELC activities)
- Student fee money: support for speakers, SGA money (student group connected to ELC could access funds)
- Great Decisions speaker money
- Burroughs Welcome a source of funding for work with teachers and summer enrichment for students
- Link with University College learning communities program – funds available for faculty participants

SM is willing to work with ELC to develop budget, including costs and sources.

Next opportunity for ELC to meet is week of March 27.