

Evolution Learning Community: Executive Council Meetings

April 5, 19, 2006: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

In attendance: Tricia Kelley, Dale McCall, Tom Schmid

Discussion items:

- National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent)
 - PK contacted, NESCent interested in ELC program
 - PK will speak to Kristin Jenkins of NESCent by phone Monday 4/24
- Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities (SENCER)
 - TS spoke with David Burns, who was enthusiastic re ELC program
 - UNCW could attend SENCER meeting in Cal, but (a) it is expensive (b) focused on individual course development; probably not best use of time/\$
- More speaker options: Burns highly recommended two speakers:
 - Nobel Laureate Paul Nurse, Pres. Rockefeller, “5 Great Ideas of Biology.” Cf. <http://nobelprize.org/medicine/laureates/2001/nurse-autobio.html>.
 - H. Petroski, engineering, Duke, “Evolution of Useful Things.” <http://www.cee.duke.edu/faculty/petroski/index.php>
- UNCW CTE – TS spoke with Carrie Clements
 - Saw 1 course release for PK in spring 2007 as possible (would require department chair/Provost approval)
 - Willing to set aside some CTE stipends for ELC (has total of 7 /yr)
 - Encouraged development of a proposal for external support this summer
- Appalachian State University -- PK reported on a possibility for collaboration
 - Chair of geology dept at ASU (Johnny Waters) learned of UNCW ELC from PK during paleontology workshop at Smithsonian 4/8/06
 - Colleagues of Waters at ASU very interested in collaborating with UNCW
 - Collaboration enhances dialogue in planning + funding opportunities
 - Possible areas of collaboration: speakers, workshops, teacher packets
 - UNC system may be supportive of inter-institutional collaboration
 - ELC group and Provost need to be brought in on this discussion
- 2 possible models for workshops
 - Workshop in Sum08 or Sum09 for public school teachers
 - Week-long seminar in Sum 08 for up to 20 faculty interested in teaching courses within ELC, with participant stipends
- Discussion of preliminary budget as shown on PK spreadsheet listing ELC activities by AY with projected costs and sources of support
 - Other support for speakers = departments (e.g., ANT, BIO, ERS, EVS)
 - Possibility of traveling exhibit in RL F08 (need meeting w/ Sherm Hayes)
 - Chair of Theater interested in doing play (e.g., *Inherit the Wind*)
 - Further discussion of budget should include entire ELC
- Next meeting of entire ELC, 4/28 at noon