

ELC Committee Meeting, April 28, 2006

Attending: Cahoon, Gessner, Hagley, Hall, Kelley, McCall, Schmid, Sizemore,
Stack, Sizemore

Chair: PK; minutes: TS

End of year meeting to discuss several items.

1. Tricia opened the meeting for discussion of executive council contacts with **NESCENT** (<http://www.nescent.org/main/>), **SPENCER** (<http://www.spencer.org/>), and ASU. Dry wells at both: basically, they don't have \$ for this kind of program; Nescent has \$ for research, and could help identify speakers, Spencer has small grants for individual courses, but requires a large commitment of time and people to get them.
2. However, while at a meeting at the Smithsonian, Tricia discussed our project, and got an enthusiastic response from Johnny Waters, Chair of Geology at ASU. He would like to have an **ASU-UNCW collaboration** on a variety of things, including speakers, possible teacher workshops, and approaching the UNC system for funding.
3. Third item was a tentative **budget** PK, DM and TS worked out, after consultation with Steve Meinhold and some discussion with Carrie Clements. Budget calls for short range expenditures of:
 - a. Research support \$20,000 in Cahills for 0607 (for 0708: \$20K Cahills; \$5000 IT; \$2000 UG research awards)
 - b. Teaching initiatives ¼ of CTE, CAS for 0607 (same for 0708)
 - c. Learning communities: ¼ of LCs for 0708
 - d. Grant support 0607: \$5000 from Provost to help bring E.O. Wilson to campus next year; \$2000 from Great Decisions program to bring speaker on infectious disease to campus next year; \$2000 from Honors for ELC-related speaker
 - e. Travel budget 0607: \$3000 for travel to Chautauquas, ASU for collaborative meetings
4. **Committee approvals:**
 - a. Committee unanimously approved executive council moving ahead on ASU possibility, after discussion with Provost.
 - b. Committee also unanimously approved tentative budget, after discussion with Provost.

Closing discussion was on future costs, including major events. Two cultural events to note:

- a. possible traveling exhibit on Evolution to be staged in library 0809 or 0910
- b. *Ecotone* volume on *Evolution* for S08 or S09, and financial support for that. David Gessner spoke on this possibility, brought copies of impressive recent edition to meeting.



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(Photo by PK)