

Evolution Learning Community  
Galapagos Planning Group Meeting  
September 18, 2007  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Library

In attendance: Tricia Kelley, Kate Bruce, Karel Dutton, Bryan McDowell

Executive Council member Kelley and ELC members Kate Bruce (Honors) and Karel Dutton (Continuing Studies) met with Bryan McDowell, regional sales director of World Cultural Tours to discuss ELC-related Galapagos trip.

- Galapagos Honors trip planned for S08 was cancelled because price quote was too expensive for students; insufficient lead time for fund raising
- Trip can be made more affordable to students by partnering with Continuing Studies group
- Benefits of working through World Cultural Tours
  - McDowell has been working with Continuing Studies (designed Stonehenge trip with Brian Davis)
  - Would design trip specifically for us and work with us on pricing
- Trip parameters:
  - Could be either during spring break 09 or May 09 depending on cost
  - 10-day itinerary similar to that originally proposed for Honors S08 trip but using larger vessels
  - Two-tier pricing possible for students and life-long learners
  - Continuing Studies would pay for two faculty members (but no additional stipend for lectures)
  - A single tour guide would be present throughout the trip except when on boat (ships have naturalists and own guides)
- McDowell will price for both March and May 09 options