

Evolution Learning Community  
Full Committee Meeting  
February 7, 2007  
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

In attendance: Maggie Bannon, Kate Bruce, Peter Fritzler, Larry Cahoon, Tricia Kelley, Dale McCall, Bill McCarthy, Mike McCartney, Steve Meinhold, Martin Posey, Kim Sawrey, Tom Schmid, Megan Shepherd, Ron Sizemore, Patty Turrisi, Marcel van Tuinen, Christy Visaggi

Executive Council reported on successes of this academic year

- 5 ELC-related Cahills funded
- Collaboration with General College under discussion
- 4 ELC-related speakers (Paul Ewald, Kelley for Darwin Day, E.O. Wilson, Mary Schweitzer for Sigma Xi)
- Senate passed proclamation in support of ELC

Commitment pledged by Provost Paul Hosier

- Support for Darwin Scholar of at least \$50k
- Support for Kelley for administration of program
  - 1 course reduction each semester
  - summer support
  - support for Kelley's PhD student Christy Visaggi to help with administrative tasks

Discussion items

- Visiting scholar program AY 08-09
  - Scholar duties to include serving as resource person, campus seminars, public lectures (duties can be left somewhat open)
  - Importance of locating well-known individuals early (e.g., Quammen, Francis Darwin)
  - Open search vs. targeting individuals: Meinhold will discuss with HR
  - Committee formed to address visiting scholar issues: Bruce, Kelley, McCall, Meinhold, Sizemore, Turrisi
- Need to involve students more actively in ELC
  - have student government endorse Senate proclamation?
  - include undergraduate student on committee
  - Meinhold will contact student leadership; Visaggi will contact graduate student leadership
- Involvement of department chairs
  - Solicit department chairs early to sequester money for speaker support
  - Solicit speaker names from faculty and encourage departments to work together to bring in speakers
  - Should be mentioned at CAS chairs meeting
- Galapagos trip
  - Bruce working with travel agents to determine options
  - Spring break vs. May option
  - Three 16-person vessels vs. 40-person ships

- Preliminary cost estimate ~ \$3000 per person
- Could be done as Honors enrichment seminar
- Formed committee to pursue further – Bruce, Kelley, Shepherd (John Morrison, Steve Emslie, Jennifer Horan have familiarity with Galapagos and should be consulted)
- Other opportunities
  - Interaction with rest of community (e.g. Cape Fear Community College) could be spearheaded by library – faculty speakers geared toward public, popular film series with discussion (e.g., *Jurassic Park*, *Master and Commander*) suggested by Fritzler
  - Mini-symposium featuring Cahill awardees, geared towards public (McCartney, Van Tuinen interested in pursuing)
  - College Day or other opportunities for public lectures (e.g., McCarthy on “Maritime Naturalists”); Meinhold suggested reserving a room all year for Monday night talks
  - Student conference -- McCartney interested in pursuing; Visaggi noted possible connection with biology graduate student conference that is currently being considered
  - Wiki for discussion on website (Fritzler willing to set up)