

Evolution Learning Community  
Executive Council Meeting with Kate Bruce  
July 3, 2007  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Honors office

In attendance: Tricia Kelley, Tom Schmid, Honors Director Kate Bruce

Executive Council members Kelley and Schmid met with Honors Director Kate Bruce to discuss ELC plans relevant to Honors. Discussion focused on: 1) Galapagos trip; 2) Honors spring speaker; 3) visiting Darwin Scholar.

- Galapagos trip
  - KB priced trip for three 16-person vessels; 6-day trip is ~ \$3000 including airfare; for every 20 people we receive 1 free trip
  - Hon 120 enrichment seminar has been put on S08 schedule
  - Boats would accommodate 2 more classes – could include GLY field trip course, another honors sections and/or biology course
  - Discussion of whether trip is more appropriate for S08 or S09; choice may be dictated by availability
  - TS suggested publishing volume of student reflections and photos after the trip
  - KB will check into reserving boats
- Honors spring speaker
  - Needs to be selected soon for S08
  - Intention is to include S08 and S09 speakers related to evolution
  - Several possible speakers related to evolutionary psychology (KB distributed list)
  - Possible speakers related to teaching evolution (e.g. Eugenie Scott, Ken Miller)
  - Possible speaker Geerat Vermeij could cross boundaries between biological and social sciences
- Visiting Darwin Scholars
  - An individual can be targeted for the position if we do not provide benefits
  - Someone like David Quammen would be appropriate; could be coordinated with common reading (e.g., Quammen's *Reluctant Mr. Darwin*)
  - KB will send a preliminary email to Quammen to see if our offer might be attractive