Entomology Graduate Student Association

*Approve December 2015 minutes

**Officer Reports**

**President** – Sarah O’Neill
- Large Conference Room is reserved every Wednesday 3-5pm – open to everyone for writing, analyzing, etc.

**Vice President** – Ryan Perry

**Treasurer** – Nancy Power
- Since last EGSA Meeting:
  - Income: $0.00
  - TOTAL: $0.00

- Expenses:
  - $1,735.48 (Merchandise)
  - TOTAL: $1,735.48

- Current Balances:
  - Cash: $982.60 ($144.00 is reserved for Recruitment Day)
  - Bank: $6,397.44
  - TOTAL: $6,666.58 ($6,547.58)

**Minister of Truth** – Kristin (Cole) Wolfe

**EGSA Departmental Representative Reports**

**Instructional and Student Affairs Committee (ISAC)** – Jackie Serrano

**Displays, Exhibits, Outreach** – Nancy Power

**Seminar & Special Lectures** – Debbie De La Riva & Michelle Miner

**Website and Newsletter** – Eric Gordon
- **New**: Please respond to doodle poll by January 15 regarding opinions and requests for changes to the departmental website ([https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JSMR7KP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JSMR7KP))
- **Reminder**: EGSA Blog ([http://ucr-egsa.weebly.com/](http://ucr-egsa.weebly.com/)): Please write blog posts for our EGSA blog. This is great free and easy publicity for yourself, great for your CV. Each blog post = 1 hour of outreach service!
- **Reminder**: Student publications are announced on the website ([http://egsa.ucr.edu/](http://egsa.ucr.edu/)). Whenever you publish something, send the citation info to egord003@ucr.edu to have it included (including recent past).
Entomology Research Museum – Austin Baker

- Reminder: Doug would like to be able to refer public to online information/directory for general information/details on department tours, outreach events and live cultures maintained in the dept.
- Reminder: Doug is available to provide orientation session for graduate students interested in borrowing Museum outreach materials.
- Reminder: Doug encourages graduate students to deposit voucher specimens from their research with the Museum; just two or three specimens of any given taxon is sufficient, and the Museum can supply unique numbers for inclusion in any publications.
- Reminder: Doug loves volunteers – please contact him if you are interested in a curatorial effort, sorting and IDing specimens in a specific group or volunteering to help with outreach material (e.g. replacing or adding specimens in the existing displays, or producing a specimen guide for each display, etc.)
- Reminder: In addition to Fall workshops on specimen mounting and labeling, Doug is available for private instruction.

Committee Reports

Fundraising – Kelsey Schall (chair), Debbie De La Riva, Kaleigh Russell, Sarah O’Neill

- Beginning a “go fund me” for the Insect Fair. The link will be put on the Facebook page. Send any pictures you have from last year to Debbie

Exam – Jackie Serrano

- Shhh. Provide materials.

GSA Representative – Amelia Lindsey

- GSA needs a new webmaster. This is a paid position ~$110/month, HTML and/or CSS experience preferred.
- GSA needs a Campus Organizing Director. This is a paid position ~$90/month.
- Conference Travel Grants email campaign has begun. Please send in stories (GSACTGFunding@gmail.com) of how CTGs have benefited you professionally. More info and templates on UCR GSA website.
- Housing/Food insecurity stories email campaign and a housing survey is in the works.
- Linnaean Games practices are starting 1/14/16 with coach Dr. Darcy Reed, Thursdays at 6pm, probably in the small conference room, but stay tuned.
- Molecular Evolution Reading Group is meeting Thursdays at 11am, location TBA. Email alind005@ucr.edu to be added to mailing list.
• Dr. Rick Redak has a stray terrarium that needs a purpose. Outreach hours are available. Email alind005@ucr.edu if you are interested.

**Merchandise** – Paul Masonick and Austin Baker (co-chairs), Nancy Power, Debbie De La Riva, Austin Baker, Kelsey Schall, Sarah O’Neill

• New merchandise and expanded selections arriving soon!
• Requests specific items via EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com.
• Congratulations to Kristin (Cole) Wolfe for submitting the winning merchandise design, and thank you to all entrants in the merchandise design contest.
• [Also, past entrants from previous years, please send your artwork to EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com to preserve artwork for future years of EGSA].
• Zazzle.com Website (http://www.zazzle.com/riversideentomology/products): Current balance is $33.08. This will be paid to EGSA when a minimum balance is reached ($50 for paypal and $100 for check). 107 items are currently on website available for sale (higher price to consumer, lower profit to EGSA – more economical to purchase in person).

**Hospitality (Winter Qtr. Recruitment Day)** – Amy Murillo

**Social** – Levi Zahn (Chair), Paul Masonick, Nancy Power, Kristin (Cole) Wolfe, Eric Gordon, Chrissy Dodge, Judith Herreid

**Technology** – Eric Gordon (Chair), Ryan Perry, Amelia Lindsey, Paul Masonick

**UCR TA Union Representative:** Debbie De La Riva

**Other** - $100 toward a “thank you” gift for Melissa. To be presented at her going away party

Meeting adjourned: 12:26pm