

February 9th 2015, 5:15 PM

Entomology Graduate Student Association

*Approve January 2015 minutes 14 votes in favor

Officer Reports:

President – Amelia Lindsey

- Linnaean Games team – need to commit to PacBranch by March 9th. Let me know if you are interested in competing/practicing. Poster/paper submission deadline extended until February 17th.

Vice President – Austin Baker

- ESA SysEB Student Research Travel Award: due March 6

Treasurer – Levi Zahn

Income:

\$200.00 (Merchandise)

\$20.00 (Fundraising Committee)

TOTAL: \$220.00

Expenses:

\$50.00 (Pizza)

\$1.00 (Maintenance Fee)

TOTAL: \$51.00

Current Balances:

\$203.00 (Cash)

\$8,056.91 (Bank)

TOTAL: \$8,259.91

Minister of Truth – James Nick DeCarlo

EGSA Representatives:

GSA Representatives – Chrissy Dodge & Kristin Cole

- The graduation ceremony has changed. Rather than doing it by college, there will be a separate graduate student graduation ceremony (except for BCOE, which is still doing it by college).

ISAC Representative – Chris Shogren

- ISAC is reviewing graduate applications

Seminar Representatives – Debbie De La Riva and Sarah O’Neill

- This quarter undergoing faculty candidate interviews for Molecular Biology of Social Insects. Final candidate for MBSI Monday 9th. Do not forget to vote for the candidates
- Candidates to follow are for Vector Pathogen Interactions.
- Keep an eye out for emails requesting attendance at interviews and lunches.

Committees:

1) Fundraising Committee – Debbie De La Riva (Chair), Erich Shoeller, James Ricci, Allison Bistline-East:

- Riverside Insect Fair set for April 18th in downtown Riverside!
- Currently looking for more sponsors
- Currently looking into table rentals (if you know of any please let us know) as we may be needing ~ 100 tables
- Will be advertising soon, help welcome (contact Debbie)
- Will be sending around an email requesting displays/materials with info on entomology fields such as Bio Control, IPM, Med-Vet, Urban Ent, Invasive Species, etc. If your lab would like to participate or lend materials to set up some displays showing entomology research at UCR, it would be much appreciated.

2) Exam Committee – Ryan Perry (Chair):

- Please provide copies of your written exams so the binder can be updated

3) Merchandise Committee – James Ricci (Chair), Austin Baker, Paul Masonick, Jessica Sully:

- Merch made \$200 in December/January:
- \$81 from miscellaneous purchases and donations
- \$119 from Prof. Choe ordering prizes for an RUSD event

4) Hospitality Committee – Sarah O’Neill (Chair), Ben DeMasi-Sumner, Cole Symanski:

- Please volunteer for various tasks associated with recruitment day (2.27)
- In particular, volunteers are still needed for prospective student hosts, designated drivers at the end of the night and cleanup crew.
- A first year student and a fourth or fifth year student would be a nice addition to the grad student panel, but is not critical.
- Also, if prospective students are not being hosted by their potential labs on the night before (Thursday 2.26), people willing to go out to dinner with the orphans would be super nice.
- Look out for Sarah’s emails with more information

5) Social Committee – Levi Zahn (Chair), Amelia Lindsey, Judith Herreid, Paul Masonick, James (Nick) DeCarlo, Ben DeMasi-Summer:

- Winter social tentatively scheduled for Friday March 13, from 4:30-6:30 in the entomology courtyard/large conference room
- Will be doing a hotdog feed and are open to topping suggestions
- Contact Levi for more information

6) Technology Committee – Eric Gordon (Chair), Ryan Perry, James Nick DeCarlo, James Ricci:

- Graduate Student EGSA blog on Weebly: if you have photos or would like to contribute, contact Eric.
- Field Research at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (Sarah O'Neill) First Blog on the website

New Business:

- Next meeting on Monday, March 9th
- Aviva Goldmann:
 - o Applications for the new UCR Graduate Student Extension program. There's a new program sponsored by ANR that funds GSR's for getting UC extension training and doing extension projects. Right now it's only at Berkeley, but UCR extension faculty and students are putting together an application to bring the program down here. If you're interested in extension work and this sounds like a good way to earn your stipend, please prepare a one-page letter of interest and send it to Matt Daugherty by the end of the month. It should briefly describe your dissertation work, how an extension project would complement that, and potential ideas for extension projects you can envision doing. Showing a lot of student interest will be a major factor in getting ANR to extend the program to UCR.
 - o Please have a look at the website and the kinds of projects being done at Berkeley.
 - o Website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/GGCE/>
- Debbie De La Riva: Union Updates
 - o Vacancy election to take place on Feb. 17-18 to vote for Executive Board Positions. Polling times locations to be announced shortly.
 - o Looking for interested members for departmental steward positions (different than Head Steward). For more information on duties of a department steward, please contact Debbie.
 - o Picnic Hill Membership Appreciation BBQ tentatively set for Tuesday, Feb. 24th (both members and non-members welcome.) Exact time TBD, but will send out email soon.
 - o February 25th Day of Action against tuition hikes, more details about activities for that day to come.

- There was a January 29th meeting with management about possible increase to healthcare premiums. Awaiting word from outcome of the meeting.
- Members voted to endorse Boycott, Divestment, Sanction in solidarity with Palestinian labor unions and students under occupation. 65% voted “yes” of the 2,168 who voted. Currently sending letters to UAW International, UC, and Congress. For those interested in seeing the ballot language, I still have that available, as before. Let me know if you are interested in seeing the language for the letters that are being sent out to the above-mentioned groups.
- Student Rec Center (SRC): Riverside union representatives have been meeting with Vice President Jim Sandoval over the past couple of months on this issue. Little by little we are gaining some ground. Still unwilling to give opt out to everyone, although we are still fighting for this option, but looking into setting up opt out plan at the very least for those who are: at or near poverty, have a disability/limited access, out of country or state as part of research. They are also now working on making babysitting available while student parents are using the facility. Admins so far very interested in revising referendum process.

Vote to End the meeting

14 in favor

Attendance:

#	Name
1	Nick DeCarlo
2	Kristin Cole
3	Chrissy Dodge
4	Colin Umeda
5	Alex Knyshov
6	Ben DeMasi-Sumner
7	Chris Shogren
8	Jessica Sully
9	Allison Bistline-East
10	Levi Zahn
11	Amelia Lindsey
12	Aviva Goldman
13	Austin Baker
14	Cole Symanski