Entomology Graduate Student Association
*Approve January 2018 minutes – Approved 5:13pm

Officer Reports

President – Chrissy Dodge

- Thank you to everyone who helped out on Recruitment Day!
- Check out our new and improved EGSA website! Photos and Social Media sections coming soon. Additional thoughts and suggestions welcome.
- Grad Slam 2018: apply online and attend orientation by Tuesday, Feb. 20th.
- EGSA Competitive Award in the works – more details to follow.

Vice President – Josh Wemmer

- ESA annual meeting in Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 11-14: Symposia submissions are due March 1st, 2018.
- ESA PacBRanch in Reno, NV, June 10-13: Submissions for papers and posters opens February 16th.
- Check out this website for various funding opportunities for grad students: https://nature.berkeley.edu/eso/?page_id=33
- National Geographic Early Career Grant: Proposals are due by April 4th, 2018. Usually rewards less than $5,000, considers project budgets of up to $10,000.

Treasurer – Austin Baker
Balance Jan 19, 2018: $11,969.55
- Cash: $492.83
- Bank: $11,280.63
- FAU: $196.09

Balance Feb 12, 2018: $11,865.55
- Cash: $389.83
- Bank: $11,279.63
- FAU: $196.09

- Chrissy and I have discussed ideas for using our money with Rick. The best option seems to be setting up and award for EGSA members chosen by a panel outside of EGSA for an adjustable amount that we can choose either to give out or not depending on our budget for any given year. This will have to be worked into the budget for the following year.
- Other smaller spending ideas (e.g shirts for EGSA) are also doable, but we need to make a decision as a group or at least appoint a committee.
- Ad hoc committee for EGSA shirts: Ben, Mari, Paul, Austin, Luke

Minister of Truth – Laura Leger
EGSA Representatives

GSA Representative – Kaleigh Fisher

- Graduate student email listserv
- Referendum – need to vote
- Mini-GSA sustainability program – bring your out dishes and flatware to events to reduce use of disposables

ISAC Representative – Kaleigh Russell

- I brought the outreach issue to the committee’s attention but they have not met in a few weeks because of faculty meetings and recruitment day.

Seminar & Special Lectures – Jake Cecala & Tessa Shates

Displays, Exhibits, & Outreach – Nancy Power

- Summer outreach program

Website & Newsletter – Deena Husein

Entomology Research Museum – Krissy Dominguez

- Please submit your voucher specimens used in publications to the Museum. Contact Doug Yanega (dyanega@ucr.edu) for help or with questions.

TA Union Representative – Ben DeMasi-Sumner

EGSA Committees

Merchandise Committee – Austin Baker (chair), Paul Masonick, Krissy Dominguez, Kaleigh Fisher, Carlos Rosas Sanchez, Josh Wemmer

- Paul and I will order more merchandise this month in preparation for the Insect Fair.
- UCR Urban Pest Management Conference is March 21st

Fundraising & Events Committee – Kelsey Schall and Kaleigh Russell (co-chairs), Tessa Shates, Erica Sarro, Kaleigh Fisher, Mari West, Gabby Martinez, Xinmi Zhang, Laura Leger

- 4th Annual Riverside Insect Fair – Saturday, April 28th
- First planning meeting with museum on 2/14
- Call for educational booths will go out soon – all EGSA members expected to participate
Please convince your lab to participate & think of creative, interactive, and family-friendly booths to have!!

• Purchasing insects & caretaking

**Social Committee** – Deena Husein and Mari West (co-chairs), Paul Masonick, Luke Kresslein, Rachel Norris, Josh Wemmer

• We will be hosting another taco social night (Fiesta Friday) on March 16h from 4-6pm. More information TBD in the next meeting.

**Exam Committee** – Ben DeMasi-Sumner (chair), Nancy

• Shhh. Provide materials.

**Hospitality Committee** – Jackie Serrano (chair), Ben DeMasi-Sumner

**Technology & Social Media Committee** – Paul Masonick and Sam Smith (co-chairs), Krissy Dominguez, Ryan Perry, Rob Straser

• I want to highlight our awesome hardworking graduate students! Please send me (Krissy, cdomi009@ucr.edu) amazing photos of you in action in the lab, field, etc. with a short description of your research!
• Write a blog post for our EGSA blog (http://ucr-egsa.weebly.com/) and receive 1hr of outreach! Great way to highlight your research or other entomology interest, and looks good on a CV.
• Photos of EGSA at various events

Meeting adjourned: 5:57pm