Entomology Graduate Student Association

*Approve December 2017 minutes – Approved 5:17pm

Officer Reports

President – Chrissy Dodge

- Please complete dietary preference survey on HighlanderLink by 5pm this Wed. (Jan 24).
- Friday, Feb. 9, 9:30am-4:30pm – Beyond Academia Day, workshops and panels for graduate students interested in a career outside academia.
- Also, Feb. 9, 2-5pm – UCR HPCC is hosting a free, introductory 3-part workshop on how to use the Biocluster/Linux for bioinformatic analyses. Space is limited, register in advance (link in email).

Vice President – Josh Wemmer

Treasurer – Austin Baker
Balance Dec 16, 2017: $12,457.50
- Cash and uncashed checks: $4,435.53
- Bank: $7,825.88
- FAU: $196.09

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

We should figure out something to spend money on. Some ideas: organize and host a large science fair with prizes, reimburse members for traveling to meetings/workshops/etc., provide beer/snacks for First Fridays. Open to more suggestions…

Minister of Truth – Laura Leger

EGSA Representatives

GSA Representative – Kaleigh Fisher

- Student Productivity Center
- Card access for grad lounge
- Mini-GSA Sustainability Certificate Program
- SRC Summer Fees
- UC PATH Survey
**ISAC Representative** – Kaleigh Russell

- Communicating graduate student funding responsibilities in detail to all students and faculty members to avoid further issues with graduate student payment
- Requirements for undergraduate transfer students are being evaluated for potential update

**Seminar & Special Lectures** – Jake Cecala & Tessa Shates

- Below is the tentative schedule for upcoming Winter 2018 seminars. If you would like to attend lunch with any of the speakers, contact me (jceca001@ucr.edu) or Tessa (tshat003@ucr.edu) after we send out announcement emails to EGSA.
  - 1/29 – Beth Pringle, University of Nevada, Reno
  - 2/5 – Judie Bronstein, Arizona State
  - 2/12 – Ke Dong, Michigan State University
  - 2/13 – Jaime Pinero, Lincoln University of Missouri (job candidate, Subtropical Fruit IPM)
  - 2/19 – Alex Wild, UT Austin
  - 2/20 – Monique Rivera, University of Florida (job candidate, Subtropical Fruit IPM)

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

- I posted the first two of my PowerPoints for K-5 students on the Outreach iLearn site. The first one takes 50-60 minutes if you do all the activities; the second one takes about 20 minutes. Whoever uses them can adapt them to their needs. I am going to edit the other two before I post them.

**Website & Newsletter** – Deena Husein

**Entomology Research Museum** – Krissy Dominguez

- FERM (Friends of the Entomology Museum) is having their Winter meeting Jan 27 at 6:00pm. RSVP to Doug Yanega.

**TA Union Representative** – Ben DeMasi-Sumner

- Establishment of a committee or adding outreach responsibility to talk to the administration regarding Outreach hours.
- Ad hoc Outreach committee: Chrissy, Erica, Levi, Mari

**EGSA Committees**

**Merchandise Committee** – Austin Baker (chair), Paul Masonick, Krissy Dominguez, Kaleigh Fisher, Carlos Rosas Sanchez, Josh Wemmer
• We have a decent amount of merch right now. We will probably put in an order next month to give us time for the Insect Fair.

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

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

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

• Shhh. Provide materials.

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

• Recruitment Day is set for Friday, February 9th. Please mark your calendars and plan to set aside time for volunteering. Details regarding the event will be discussed and emailed.

**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/](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.

Meeting adjourned: 6:08pm