

**Entomology Graduate Student Association**

Tuesday March 8, 2016 12:10pm

\*Approve February 2016 minutes

**Officer Reports****President** – Sarah O’Neill

- I am accepting suggestions & requests on activities/events to promote EGSA community, support grad student well-being.
- Large Conference Room is reserved every Wednesday 3-5pm through winter quarter – open to everyone for writing, analyzing, etc. During spring quarter, the large conference room will be available Tuesdays 3-5pm and Wednesdays 10am-12pm.
- “Informal” social Wednesday, February 17 at 12:00pm at the Barn.
- Dog park meet-ups on Sundays at 2:00pm at the Carlson Bark Park on Mission Inn Avenue (right next to Mt. Rubidoux). First meet-up is on Sunday, March 13 and every Sunday thereafter! Bring your friendly dog to play, or come alone!
- UCR GSA Grad Bash is Wednesday, March 9, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Bring your Student ID to the Getaway Café for free pizza/salad/bread and be entered to win raffle prizes.
- Mindfulness Nature Walk in the UCR Botanic Gardens with Dawn Loyola on Thursday, March 10 at 10:00am.
- Watkins Commencement Award application due April 1 ([http://graduate.ucr.edu/forms/Watkins\\_App%202016.pdf](http://graduate.ucr.edu/forms/Watkins_App%202016.pdf)).
- Outstanding EGSA Member Awards to commence next quarter – opinions on criteria, application/nomination format, and award type are welcome.
- EGSA Research Award/Scholarship – EGSA opinions welcome.

**Vice President** – Ryan Perry

- EGSA has depleted the \$300.00 available annually from the UCR GSA for pizza. Pizza at this and future meetings will be paid for by EGSA funds.

**Treasurer** – Nancy Power

- Since **last** EGSA Meeting:

Income:

\$210.00 (Merchandise)

TOTAL: \$210.00

Expenses:

\$42.00 (Recruitment Day Beverages)

TOTAL: \$42.00

Current Balances:

Cash: \$1023.27

Bank: \$6475.72

TOTAL: \$7498.99

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

**EGSA Departmental Representative Reports**

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

- EGSA opinions on prospective grad students can be forward to ISAC.

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

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

**Website and Newsletter** – Eric Gordon

- Reminder: EGSA Blog (<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/>). Whenever you publish something, send the citation info to [egord003@ucr.edu](mailto:egord003@ucr.edu) to have it included (including recent past).

**Entomology Research Museum** – Austin Baker

- Please submit voucher specimens used in publications to Museum. Contact Doug Yanega for help or with questions.

**Committee Reports**

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

- Riverside Insect Fair is Saturday, April 30, 2016, will be a collaboration with Riverside Metropolitan Museum for Smithsonian Week
- Sponsors are being contacted and GoFundMe page is forthcoming
- Booth requestors: please provide info to Kelsey/Debbie on # of people at your booth for lunch counts.
- EGSA will have 3 tables for outreach insects and advertising. 4-5+ people are needed to volunteer for these tables, outreach hours will be awarded!
- In advance of Insect Fair, volunteers are requested for making signs for the day's events.
- Request fliers from Kelsey via email

**Exam** – Jackie Serrano

**GSA Representative** –Amelia Lindsey

- Rec Center negotiations: The University is still unwilling to compromise on both the high rec center fees, and the fact that we have to pay extra to use it in the summer. GSA has negotiated with Canyon Crest Athletic Center for reduced summer rates for grad students (~1/2 what the cost would be if we paid for the rec center). We are encouraged to NOT use the rec center in the summer -- this should encourage them to cut us a deal. If they do not, we have the cheaper agreement at Canyon Crest to use.
- Health Insurance Plan Updates: Health insurance will be changing next year. The current provider has created a lot of hassles for students and GSHIP is going to remedy this. The UCSHIP provider is Blue Cross. There were issues with UCSHIP in the past (which is why we went off on our own), but they are under new management and their record looks good. Nothing is locked in yet, but the plan is to sign on with UCSHIP for 3 years (3 years is required, and we have to do it now, or we miss the cycle). The GSHIP committee has said they intend to honor requests for more comprehensive insurance that is accepted at more providers, and does not create complications for students. Email Melania Abrahamian at [gship.gsa@ucr](mailto:gship.gsa@ucr) for any insurance questions.
- Upcoming GSA Vote: The time to elect new officers and vote on a few referendums is soon. PLEASE VOTE. On average, only 10% of grad students vote, but 20% voting is needed for quorum. One of the items on the ballot will be to reduce quorum to 10% so that GSA can make progress. No ballot items have been passed since 2007 because of low turn-out.

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

- New merchandise has arrived!
- Sales Event (volunteers requested!): Urban Pest Management Conference at UCR Extension on Wednesday, March 23, 7:15am-4:30pm.
- Requests specific items via [EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com](mailto:EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor display has been updated!
- 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

- Recruitment Day was February 19, 2016, and it was a success!
- Thank you to Jackie Serrano for her organization and effective management of day-of activities.

- Thank you to all 17 volunteers for helping with all recruitment day activities!  
[Amelia Lindsey, Austin Baker, Ben Demasi-Sumner, Caleb Hubbard, Chrissy Dodge, Colin Umeda, Deborah De La Riva, Emily McDermott, Fatemah Ganjisaffar, Jackie Serrano, Jake Cecala, Kaleigh Russell, Kristin Cole, Levi Zahn, Paul Masonick, Ryan Perry, Sarah O'Neill]

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

- Winter quarter (Hot Dog!) social will be Friday March 11 at 4:30pm in the Entomology Courtyard and/or the first floor lobby and large conference room.
- Send hot dog topping requests to Levi Zahn.

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

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

- Outcome of open forum UC Sexual Harassment Policy, problems identified within the policy. Handout contains further information. Our 'care advocate' can be reached at [naddia.palacios@ucr.edu](mailto:naddia.palacios@ucr.edu)

Meeting adjourned: 12:45 p.m.