

*Dearest Entomophiles,*

*Somehow, I lost my fastidious finesse in my last meeting of note-taking and neglected to set down names of meeting attendees. Please do not interpret my unintentional omission of your name as a personal offense, since I diligently strove to wring out every shred of recollection when I compiled the list from memory. So, without further ado, the minutes follow.*

*- Chris Briggs, Minister of Truth*

President Jennifer Wright called the meeting to order at 5:21 pm.  
Minutes from the June 2, 2008 meeting were approved.

### **Officer Elections**

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray ran unopposed and was elected unanimously.

Treasurer – Rebeccah Waterworth ran unopposed and was elected unanimously.

Minister of Truth – Christopher Wheeler ran unopposed and was elected unanimously.

### **Committee Signups**

Computer Committee – Chris Wheeler, Guanyang Zhang (chair)

Craft Fair Committee – Rebeccah Waterworth, Deane Zahn (chair)

Exam Committee – Genet Tulgetske

GSA Representatives – Chrissy Mogren, Elissa Wampler

Outreach Committee – Jennifer Henke, Chris Martin, Jason Mottern (chair), Adena Why

Recruitment Committee – Dagne Duguma, Jennifer Henke, Jen Wright, Deane Zahn (chair),  
Guanyang Zhang

Seminar Committee – Allison Hansen

Social Committee – Toby Glik, Jesus (Ricky) Lara Artiga, Elizabeth Murray, Yuan Yao

Travel Grant Committee – Deane Zahn

Merchandise Committee – Lily Berniker, Wei Song Hwang, Adena Why (chair)

### **Officer Reports:**

**President** – Jennifer Wright reported that we had a great camping trip at the end of the summer. We had 29 people attend, and Deane picked a great location at Joshua Tree National Park. Kristen planned our Welcome Back Picnic, which also came off well. Graduate student webpages can be updated by sending your information (such as education, research focus, and publications) to Cherie Skinner.

**ISAC Representative** – Jennifer Henke reported on the surveys she collected regarding Student Seminar Day (SSD) and TA requirements, and her overviews are appended to these minutes. In summary, the SSD was a success. Areas for improvement include the venue size, shade for posters, and coffee in the afternoon. The TA requirement received general support, mostly for two quarters of teaching. Finally, if faculty members cheerfully greet you in the hallway, please honor them with a courteous response.

### **New Business:**

**Plant Sale Outreach** – The Botanic Gardens will host a plant sale October 18-19. We are conducting outreach there, as we have in previous years.

**Linnaean Competition** – Our Linnaean Team is planning to battle a faculty team in a contest of memories at our next social, in preparation for an upcoming competition with other schools next spring in San Diego.

**Treasurer** – Rebecca Waterworth presented a summary of our finances and an annual report (attached). She reminded us that our income comes from activities such as selling merchandise at the Pomona Insect Fair and the Craft Fair, establishing a mini-GSA to receive \$300 for meetings (= pizza), and doing outreaches.

Bank of America:	\$4490.50
Cash:	\$369.77

**Entomological Society of America (ESA) meeting** – Travel grants are available for individuals presenting at meetings like this one. Our department will match money you receive from the GSA, and you can also apply for \$100 from the EGSA. We will be staffing a booth at this ESA meeting to sell merchandise and publicize our graduate program. Professors may help us with staffing the booth – we decided that good times for them to help are on Sunday, Monday, and around the time of the mixer.

**Merchandise Committee** – Adena Why reported that we need a big merchandise order for upcoming events, including tote bags, travel mugs, hats, mugs, and possibly water bottles. The old shirts with a spelling error were donated. We are still considering setting up an account with Café Press, which is an online vendor of... almost everything bearing a design. Jen W. suggested that Adena send out its web address to EGSA members so that we can vote next month on whether to pay for an account on the site. Adena also reported that the T-shirt design contest will run soon to have the new designs on shirts as soon as possible. Finally, Adena reminded Merchandise Committee members that the T-shirt display case on the second floor needs to be updated.

**Upcoming Outreaches** –

Outreach Training: Thurs., Oct. 9 in Large Conference Room: 4 pm

Learn where outreach supplies are and what outreach is.

Pomona Insect Fair: Sat., Oct 18 at Cal Poly Pomona: 8-5

Sun., Oct 19 at Cal Poly Pomona: 8-5

This event, arranged by Taylor Lura's grandfather, includes insects and Bio-Quip products for sale, and it coincides with a pumpkin sale next door.

UCR Preview Day: Sat., Oct 25 at Rivera Library Arches: 8-11 am

This event already has four volunteers who will stand at our table and speak to prospective undergraduates about UCR and Entomology.

**Boyden Room** – Outreach and Social committee chairs need to ensure that at least one person on each committee has keys to Boyden (key S81-1) and to the computer lab (the lab key S81-5 opens another room that has been used for storage of social event supplies). This room needs to be reorganized, and members of the both committees should take inventory of supplies in the room.

**Next Social** – Elizabeth Murray suggested that we avoid Halloween and head either for October 24 or November 7.

**Craft Fair** – Deane Zahn reported that our Craft Fair will be held on the Thursday December 4, the day before the UCR Market Day. This timing takes advantage of early shoppers. Please solicit vendors to come sell their wares, and get working if you would like to sell some of your own creations!

**Linnaean Team** – Jen Henke reported that the Linnaean Team will keep its current membership through the upcoming ESA meeting, but if you are interested in joining them, please contact her. Current members are Casey Butler, Jennifer Henke (Capitan [sic]), Jason Mottern, Rebecca Waterworth, and Deane Zahn.

**Next Meeting – Monday, November 3 at 5:15 pm.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

**Attendees:**

Lily Berniker  
Chris Briggs  
Dagne Duguma  
Toby Glik  
Jennifer Henke  
Wei Song Hwang  
Jesus “Ricky” Lara Artiga  
Taylor Lura  
Chris Martin  
Chrissy Mogren  
Jason Mottern  
Elizabeth Murray  
Elissa Wampler  
Rebecca Waterworth  
Chris Wheeler  
Adena Why  
Jennifer Wright  
Yuan Yao  
Deane Zahn  
Guanyang Zhang

## **Student Feedback regarding Dept. of Entomology TA requirement for Ph.D. Students**

Compiled by Jennifer Henke for ISAC meeting 9/30/08 - SUMMARY

The issue of whether teaching should be required of our students is a theme that has been revisited often in the past few years as the role of assigning teaching assistantships has moved from the department to the college. In past surveys, as in the current survey, ISAC has based its questions around the idea that not requiring teaching of our students may lead to reduced future prospects for our students based on competition from other departments.

To truly solve the issue, ISAC, and by extension the department, needs to examine three things.

1. What skill set is expected of our graduates? What do we think they need to be able to do when they leave with a degree in entomology?
2. What would a teaching requirement add to a student's degree program that is not fulfilled by other requirements?
3. What negative impacts will *not* teaching have on a graduate of our program?

Answering these questions will produce better reasons as to why we should or should not have a teaching requirement, rather than following in the footsteps of other departments on campus.

Answers to the survey revealed that the students were unconcerned about the role of future funding in relation to teaching requirements. Students pointed out the false dichotomy of requiring students to teach to secure funding when those students already have secured funding through grants (whether their own or those of their advisors). If a student already has funding, then fulfillment of his/her teaching requirement may prevent another student who needs funding from receiving it (whether that needy student is in our department or in another related field). Whether in favor of or opposed to a teaching requirement, students cited the role of teaching in their future career as being a factor in their decision. This, not potential funding opportunities, should be at the forefront of the decision made by ISAC.

Overall, students are in favor of a teaching requirement for Ph.D. students, agreeing that ISAC's proposal of a two-quarter requirement with the potential for waiving one quarter upon securing outside funding would be the most acceptable option. The tally of votes follows.

### **1. Should the department have a teaching requirement for Ph.D. students**

11 – yes; 4 – no

### **2. If the department were to instate a requirement, how many quarters should students be required to teach? Please choose 1 or 2 quarters.**

5 – 1 quarter, 10 – 2 quarters

### **3. ISAC is also considering that this requirement could be waived via petition if a student and/or his/her professor covers the student's costs. If a requirement is instated, but the student is able to secure other funding, how many quarters should the student then be required to teach? [For example, ISAC discussed a "hard 1-quarter/soft 2-quarter" requirement. That is, all students would be required to teach 2 quarters. If the student secures his/her own funding, the student may petition to teach only 1 quarter instead of 2.]**

Agreed: 10, Disagreed: 2, Evaded: 3 (answer did not appear to agree or disagree)

## **Student Feedback regarding Student Seminar Day**

Compiled by Jennifer Henke for ISAC meeting 9/30/08 - SUMMARY

### **Positive comments:**

Positive comments were made about the concept (“I liked that I got to see other students’ research and meet people that I haven’t before.”) The format of an 8:30 start with ample break times was appreciated. The food was enjoyed. The skill level of the presentations were complimented by several (“A lot of the graduate students talks and posters were very good. You can tell that many of them put a lot of time and effort in their talks.”) Two students noted that the venue was preferable; it was noted that this likely influenced the presence of professors who were typically absent from the event. Two students appreciated the enforcement of time limits by the moderators which kept things moving smoothly. One student appreciated the participation by non-entomology students, particularly Dr. Ray’s lab. “Congrats to Joe for keeping us all in the loop.” EGSA thanks Ring Carde, John Heraty, Joe Morse, Tom Perring, John Trumble, and Christiane Weirauch for providing the food for the after-party.

### **Negative comments:**

In general, students did not like the use of the large conference room (10 of 14 students). The room was claustrophobic, smelly, had poor circulation and poor sound. The plastic chairs were uncomfortable. Propping the doors open to allow for fans meant that conversations in the hallway detracted from the presentations. The posters were thought to have been poorly organized by several (6 of 14) (“Posters under the tree got dirty and wet (some ruined) and positioning around tree did not consider intense daylight hours.”) Three students mentioned the lack of afternoon coffee, while one mentioned poor selection for vegetarians and other dietary preferences. Two students mentioned poor faculty attendance with one of those students extending this to the after-party. This student went on to cite poor initiative of faculty members to speak with students. One student disliked having students as judges, citing their inexperience. One student suggested doing away with the prize money. Finally, one student suggested grouping presentations by subdiscipline for easier comparison of presentations.

### **Comparison to previous events:**

Better presentations and food than previous years; poorer venue choice.

### **Specific recommendations for improvement:**

1. A larger venue with good air circulation and a good sound system.
2. A better poster viewing system. The sunshine negatively impacts poster viewing. If posters are to be viewed outdoors, the department should invest in canopy covers to prevent water damage and to make presenters and viewers more comfortable.
3. Assigning posters to specific boards. This will allow for alternation of presenters. Alternation is used in most conference formats to cut down on crowding and allow for easier conversations. This may also allow the students presenting to receive more interaction; one student noted that “many people don’t bother looking at the posters.”
4. Inclusion of coffee in the afternoon beverage selection.

<b>Transaction detail (September 2007 - September 2008)</b>		
Expense, Socials (NOT including Student Seminar day)		\$ (896.95)
Expense, Student Seminar Day, food and drink		\$ (326.76)
Donations, Socials		\$ 618.60
Donations, Outreach		\$ 100.00
Donations, Misc		\$ 3.70
Expense, Merchandise		\$ (1,534.58)
Expense, Merchandise (Honey money - Kirk)		\$ (100.00)
Donations, Merchandise*		\$ 2,468.00
Expense, EGSA meeting, Pizza		\$ (492.00)
Donations, Reimbursement, Mini-GSA		\$ 300.00
Expense, Craft Fair		\$ (223.64)
Donations, Craft Fair (merchandise + vendor fees)		\$ 1,714.90
Expense, EGSA camping trip (2007 and 2008)		\$ (231.23)
Expense, Check Reorder		\$ (25.23)

\*Mechandise sold at: Pomona Insect Fair, EGSA craft fair, ESA meeting in San Diego, UCR Botanical Gardens, UCR Urban Entomology Conference, and in our main entomology office

- President Jennifer Wright called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm
- Minutes from October 6, 2008 meeting were approved
  - on the condition that the statement about, EGSA Outreach involvement with the Plant Sale at the Botanic Gardens, is stricken from the record.

### **Officer Reports**

**Treasurer** Rebecca Waterworth represented by Jen Wright

- Account balances as of October 31, 2008:
  - Checking = \$3,764.42
  - Cash on hand = \$574.77
  - Profit from Pomona Insect fair sale = \$335.00
  - EGSA merchandise purchased on October 17, 2008 = \$876.08

**ISAC Representative** – Jen Henke reported that:

- 1) The new TA requirement proposal (must teach 2 quarters) was passed by the faculty and will now be sent to the Grad Division for approval. If approved, it will affect students entering Fall 2009 and will not be retroactively enforced.
- 2) Undergraduates are allowed to apply for travel grants if they have participated in outreaches.

**GSA Representatives** – Elissa Wampler, Chrissy Morgan  
Meeting at 6pm

### **Committee Reports**

**Computer Committee** – Guanyang Zhang reported that all Entomology students may obtain keys for the Boyden Building and Computer lab. In order to request the keys Administration must receive an email with authorization from a major advisor. The keys to request are:

- Key #S81-1 for the outside door to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Boyden Building
- Key #S81-5 for the Computer Lab on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Adena Why indicated that the Scanner in the Boyden Computer Lab was not working.

**Craft Fair Committee** – Deane Zahn reported that they need volunteers.

**Exam Committee** – Genet Tulgetske reported that the exam was in her mailbox

**Merchandise Committee** – Adena Why reported that:

- 1) The original order of (40) mugs had not actually been paid for. The EGSA could be refunded for them, but the money could not go into the checking account, only into the travel fund.
- 2) Ring Carde has ordered 30 more mugs. However (probably due to the compounding price of the original 40 and this additional 30), Millie Garrison, the Entomology Department's Financial and Administrative Officer, has requested a discount on the mugs.
  - a. Mugs now cost \$10 which gives a profit of \$4 per mug.
  - b. Jen Wright suggests that instead of a discount the Entomology Department sponsor ~\$50 of food at the next social
    - i. Spring Picnic or Craft Fair

- c. Suggestion that next round of mugs go for a discount of \$5 ran unopposed. Will be considered on a year to year basis
- 3) Wei-Song Hwang won the t-shirt art competition with the “Black Light District” design. Unanimous “Huzzah”. The design will be printed on white and t-shirts will be ordered
- 4) Wei-Song’s beetle design will be embroidered on khaki hats.
- 5) New stainless steel water bottles will be ordered.
- 6) ESA
  - a. Students and Faculty did not staff the table at last years ESA mixer during optimal times. A sign-up sheet with times to man the booth will be posted by the mail boxes.
  - b. Participation in ESA has been approved as credit toward receiving travel grants.
  - c. Allison will take some merchandise to ESA. Drivers have more space to take merchandise.
    - i. Will take posters to ESA if there is extra room
  - d. ESA participants’ contact information to be collected
- 7) Made mad money at the Pomona Insect Fair

**Upcoming Outreaches –**

- 1) Country Springs Elementary School – Wed., Nov. 12-10-11 am (time with driving: 8:30am-12:30pm) Address: 14145 Village Center Drive, Chino Hills (45 minute drive with no traffic)
- 2) Upward Bound Campus Tour – Sat. Nov. 15 – 12:40-2pm (on campus) Location: Large Conference Room  
NEED 1-2 Volunteers

**Recruitment Committee** –Talk about new recruits is all ready floating around.

**Social Committee** – Buzz in Social on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Ricky Artiga will be doing some shopping for it and will use Chrissy Mogren’s Costco card. Bartending time slots decided.

**New Business**

**Pacific Branch Graduate Student Symposium- March**

Jen Wright says that she will be selecting 2 to 3 people to talk about Evolution and Insect Systems

**Insect Molecular Biology Course-**

Jen Wright reports that Peter Atkinson wants to teach the course this winter but needs at least 5 students to enroll. Who would want to take the class? What topics are people interested in? Jen Wright will send out more info.

**Next meeting – Monday, December 1st at 5:15 pm.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:47

## Entomology Graduate Student Association Agenda

December 1, 2008, 5:15 pm

Minutes from last month not yet approved November 4, 2008

### Officer Reports

President- Jennifer Wright- Nothing to report

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray-nothing report

Treasurer – Rebeccah Waterworth: Cash on hand: \$657.77 Bank of America: \$3,293.55

Income ESA meeting: \$865.00

Minister of Truth – Chris Wheeler unable to attend so President acted as minister of truth

ISAC Representative- Jennifer Henke: 3 students have applied.

GSA Representatives-Elissa Wampler, Chrissy Mogren- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> is a graduate student forum at 6pm in the commons, \$40,000 in travel grants have been granted by GSA and the budget is in good condition, Chemistry may succeed from the GSA, Council meeting is Wed Dec 3 at 6pm

### Committee Reports:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Chris Wheeler- the scanner is indeed working

Craft Fair Committee– Chair: Deane Zahn, Rebeccah Waterworth-The Fair is Thursday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> and the committee asked for help collecting honey, passing out flyers, working the craft fair and making baked goods. Raffles tickets will be available for \$1 from Cherie, Deane or Jason and a needle point will be up for grabs.

Exam Committee – Chair: Genet Tulgetske – not present

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Adena Why, Lily Berniker, Wei-Song Hwang

- 1.) Recap of merchandise sold at ESA- Wei-songs shirt and the coffee cups sold the best 2.) Craft Fair - we will be selling at the craft fair 3. ) Price of coffee mugs- Mugs will be bought at full price by the department and the funds will go into the travel grant fund
- 4.) Bioquip Open House- Sat Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 11am-5pm. 2321 Glawick street, Rancho Dominguez

Outreach Committee – Chair: Jason Mottern, Chris Martin, Adena Why- No outreaches until February

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Jen Wright, Dagne Duguma, Jennifer Henke, Guanyang Zhang- The first new recruit Kim, is coming on Thursday

Seminar Committee – Chair: Allison Hansen- unable to attend, has been authorized to hand out mugs to seminar speakers

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Toby Glik, Yuan Yao, Ricky Artiga

The Social was excellent and thanks to everyone who helped out. The date of the next social is not known however the theme suggestions were mardi gras and wine and cheese.

Travel Grant Committee – Deane Zahn- New procedure to following involving GSA so make copies of all of your paper work. If you have questions ask the all knowing Bill Sutton

### New Business:

Craft Fair: Sign up to help: pass out flyers, make goodies to sell the day of, purchase stuff for the lunch; **Day of-** work the EGSA booth, set up or clean up, help with lunch prep.

Annual Meeting of the Entomological Association of America: Congratulations to the Linnaean team for winning!

Proposal that the department buy shirts for the Linnaean team to wear at competitions- Linnaean team would prefer not to wear shirts and like dressing in their own clothes

Should EGSA wrap the Angel presents-EGSA agreed to take over the Angels wrapping

Brian Gray is our new AAO for CNAS his email is [brain.gray@ucr.edu](mailto:brain.gray@ucr.edu) if you need to contact him. He came to the meeting and introduced himself and will attempt to attend several more meetings throughout the year.

Meeting: Monday at 5:15 pm, **January 5<sup>th</sup> 2009.**

# Entomology Graduate Student Association Agenda

January 5, 2009

Minutes approved with changes to “Linnaean” and Glik

Approved December 1, 2008 Meeting Minutes

## Reports:

President- Jennifer Wright

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray

Treasurer – Rebeccah Waterworth:

Cash: \$555.77

Bank: \$4,497.63- as of the meeting this was increased to approx. \$4,700.

Minister of Truth – Chris Wheeler- absent so Jennifer Wright served as Minister of Truth

ISAC Representative- Jennifer Henke: No new news

GSA Representatives-Elissa Wampler, Chrissy Mogren- TAPS will be increasing some fees, Grad Bash Friday January 9<sup>th</sup>, Fellowship budgets will stay the same in the face of budget cuts, GSA is looking into a graduate student bill of rights.

## Committee Reports:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Chris Wheeler-new cartridge in the printer

Craft Fair Committee– Chair: Deane Zahn, Rebeccah Waterworth

Craft Fair Review- We made lots of money, best fair ever; we need to send Kirk a thank you note

Exam Committee – Chair: Genet Tulgetske

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Adena Why, Lily Berniker, Wei-Song Hwang

Made lots of money and sold about 26 shirts. They want to look into updating the website for EGSA regarding the merchandise.

Outreach Committee – Chair: Jason Mottern, Chris Martin, Adena Why

Many upcoming outreaches

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Jen Wright, Dagne Duguma, Jennifer Henke, Guanyang Zhang

Seminar Committee – Chair: Allison Hansen, Jennifer Wright

Jen will be taking over organizing lunches with the speaker

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Toby Glik, Yuan Yao, Ricky Artiga

Looking at planning a social in February, perhaps a wine and cheese party on Friday the thirteenth.

Travel Grant Committee – Deane Zahn

## New Business:

Linnaean Team- looking for new members

Meeting: Monday at 5:15 pm, **February 2nd**

# Entomology Graduate Student Association Minutes

February 2, 2009

- President Jennifer Wright called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm
- Minutes from January 5, 2009 meeting were approved

## Officer Reports

**Treasurer** represented by Wei Song Hwang

- Cash: \$537.77
- Bank of America: \$4,703.63

**ISAC Representative- GSA Representatives** Elissa Wampler, Chrissy Morgan

1. Teaching requirement has been passed by Grad Division. Students entering in 2009 will be required to teach 2 quarters, with the possibility of exemptions.
2. Student Seminar Day 2009 - probable dates
  - a. Thursday, September 17
  - b. Wednesday, September 16
3. Applicant Update - We have admitted 10 students (6 domestic, 3 international) whose files have been forwarded to Grad Division. We have 15 student applications pending.

## Committee Reports:

**Computer Committee** – represented by Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Chris Wheeler

- New ink in the Cannon Printer

**Merchandise Committee** – represented by Wei-Song Hwang

- 1.) selling EGSA merchandise at the FERM mtg.
- 2.) New merchandise order
- 3.) Should EGSA booth at PAC Branch?
  - General consensus was reached that a booth at the PAC Branch conference would be unnecessary.
- 4.) Urban Ent. Conference - EGSA table
  - A request for a table should be filed with Lori
- 5.) Suggestion to lower prices of some merchandise.
  - Mugs currently priced at \$10 may be lowered to \$7-8. The hats and metal water-bottles are currently priced at \$15
  - General consensus that lowering some prices is acceptable, and should be left up to the Merchandise Committee
  - Suggestion for grad student discounts on merchandise.
    - To require the office to oversee such special pricing for merchandise would be too much to ask. Will consider the discount for fairs however.

**Outreach Committee** – Chair: Jason Mottern, Chris Martin, Adena Why

- More judges needed for the elementary science fairs on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Next month, on Saturday march 14<sup>th</sup> there will be an “Insectival” visiting the San Bernardino County Museum, where EGSA will have 3 tables with touch-a-critter activities.
  - A sign-up sheet will be hung up in the student mailing room
- Clarification: There is not an interview portion to the Entomology judging at the 6:30-8:30 time slot.

**Recruitment Committee** – Chair: Deane Zahn, Jen Wright, Dagne Duguma, Jennifer Henke, Guanyang Zhang

-There's a prospective student coming tomorrow (2-3-09)

**Seminar Committee** – represented by Jen Wright

-We need more people to volunteer for lunches with seminar speakers!

-Next quarter a new Seminar committee chair will be chosen

**Social Committee** – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Toby Glick, Yuan Yao, Ricky Artiga

-“Valentines in the Galapagos” = Wine and Cheese Social on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>!

-We need volunteers for bar tending and clean-up

-Budget is around \$200-250 (\$8.99 per wine bottle tops)

**Travel Grant Committee** – represented by Deane Zahn

-Get your PAC Branch Meeting travel grant applications in quick. The sooner the better!

-Forms are in Deane Zahn's mailbox

#### **New Business:**

-Jen Wright: Would EGSA like to join in on a fund raiser to get poor schools in the San Bernardino area money for science supplies (eg. goggles, gloves, beakers, glass-ware)?

-She will need help printing and distributing flyers, and purchasing science stuff with the raised money

-15% of ice cream sales at “Mumbles” will go to the fund raiser

-Jen Henke: Riverside city's City Council is forming a “Clean and Green Action Plan” and is having a meeting tomorrow (2-3-09) at 6:30pm in the city council chambers.

#### **GSA News:**

-There is a 9% fee increase

-February 28-March 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be training for students to be lobbyists (?Gary Quinn?)

-Make sure you turn in all the additional material, required by your GSA conference grant, within 7 days after the conference.

-The “Code of Conduct” is up for review

-Alex Cortez is suggesting the organization of some tournament sports

-Funding being set up to give student mother TAs an additional \$300 if they have a pre-school-aged child.

-Next Meeting scheduled for: Monday at 5:15 pm, **March 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**Meeting adjourned**

## Entomology Graduate Student Association MINUTES

-Meeting started on March 2, 2009 at 5:27 pm

-January 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes **not approved. Changes to be made in time for next meeting.**

### Reports:

President- Jennifer Wright -**No Announcements**

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray – **No Announcements**

Treasurer – Rebecca Waterworth:

-Cash: \$546.40 Bank: \$4,567.90 Social Expenses: \$212.70 Social Donations: \$100.70

**-Darwin/Valentine social had low professor turnout.**

**-Jen Henke proposed that if approved by Ring Carde, the socials should start at 4:30 to increase professor turnout.**

**-Deane Zahn suggested that an early time might pose problems due to alcohol being served during business hours**

Minister of Truth – Chris Wheeler **No Announcements**

ISAC Representative- Jen Henke

1.) Application update - We've accepted 13 students; we have 4 more files to review

2.) New course offering - Philosophy and pedagogy of teaching undergraduate life sciences

**-For Fall quarter**

**-to be taught by Tim Paine, Rick Cardullo, and Helen Regan**

**-learn how to devise and teach a teaching plan**

**-grad division needs to approve it first**

### Committee Reports:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Chris Wheeler

**-Color ink is gone but will be replaced.**

**-There is a leak in the computer room that may damage the computers. Physical plant has been made well aware of this fact. To protect the computers please return the plastic sheet covering over the scanner and computer after use.**

*-3/31/09 note: plastic sheeting has been removed from room.*

Craft Fair Committee– Chair: Deane Zahn, Rebecca Waterworth

Exam Committee – Chair: Genet Tulgetske

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Adena Why, Lily Berniker, Wei-Song Hwang

**-Sold out hats**

1.) New merchandise orders

**-New hats & t-shirt order to be submitted soon**

2.) Potential new merchandise item (recycled journal/notebook and pen sets)

**-50 unit minimum, each unit ~\$2**

**-One time set-up charge**

**-Several attendees mentioned the “Beetle” drawing as a preferred design for the new notebooks and pens.**

**-Decision left to Merchandise Committee to decide**

3.) Sign-ups for upcoming events

**-3 large events coming up, will request volunteers**

Outreach Committee – Chair: Jason Mottern, Chris Martin, Adena Why

**-1 Slot open for Insectival**

**-event needs further planning**

**-April 4-5 Spring Plant sale coming up. Sign-up will be available soon**

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Jen Wright, Dagne Duguma, Jennifer Henke, Guanyang Zhang

**-ASAP request made for recruitment volunteering**  
**-Question posed as to why there was no option for prospective students to be boarded at graduate students' houses.**

**-Will ask Don about this matter**

Seminar Committee – Chair: Jen Wright

**-Jen Wright will head the Seminar Committee.**

**-Rebecca Waterworth offered to help cover the March 30<sup>th</sup> lunch**

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Toby Glick, Yuan Yao, Ricky Artiga

**-nothing planned yet, but there will be a social next quarter**

Travel Grant Committee – Deane Zahn

**-Interdisciplinary students now funded for travel grants as long as they meet other requirements (eg. outreach participation)**

**-Departmental travel grants include food, per diem**

**New Business:**

**-AGSM -5K run/walk – Deane Zahn**

**-The Anderson Graduate School of Management challenged the EGSA to enter a race sometime in May**

**-could be used as a fund raiser**

**-plan to set a prize for the fastest team**

**-still needs lots of planning, but as we have lots of good runners in the department, we should do it!**

**Next meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**-Meeting Ended at 5:45**

# Entomology Graduate Student Association Agenda

April 6, 2009, 5:15 pm

## Approve March 2, 2009 Meeting Minutes

### Reports:

President- Jennifer Wright

*-Congratulations to the Linnaean Team for winning a recent competition, and to Elissa Wampler and Jen Henke for both winning awards for their presentations.*

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray

*-Travel EGSA reimbursement forms need to be turned in soon for the recent conference.*

Treasurer – Rebecca Waterworth: Cash: \$562.12 Bank: ~\$4,100 Insectival: \$200 Urban Ent Conference - \$404 Merchandise sales courtesy of Cherie - \$237 Botanical Garden Sales: \$267

Minister of Truth – Chris Wheeler *–no announcement*

GSA Representatives-Elissa Wampler, Chrissy Mogren

*- There is a \$180 certificate offered to “at risk” graduate students who want to participate in the school’s Outdoor Excursions group. “At risk” is a general term that include most any graduate student that is living on their own.*

*-There will be a Grad Bash on April 10<sup>th</sup>*

*-At a meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, a new G-Ship will be voted on as well as a new travel grant form that omits the custom written letter of authorization. View changes to the G-ship, health insurance on the GSA website.*

*-The Spring Film Festival will be held at the Commons on April 14<sup>th</sup>*

ISAC Representative

1. 4 students (thus far) have accepted UCR offers. More decisions are expected soon.
2. Transcript specializations - Currently, students can have an EEOB specialization added to their transcripts through taking two courses and attending 9 quarters of EEOB 265 (Lunch Bunch Seminar). ISAC would like to know if students are interested in having other specializations.

### Committee Reports:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Chris Wheeler

*-Chris Wheeler now has the keys for the equipment cabinet in the computer lab.*

*-The plastic, for covering the computers, has been removed from the lab. Because there will no longer be a lot of rain. Provisions should be made before the next rainy season.*

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Adena Why, Lily Berniker, Wei-Song Hwang

*-Graduate student discount set to \$2.*

*-New notebook set is in the ordering process*

*-Motion to create a common gmail account for use in the ordering process, so that contacts are not lost when committee members change.*

*-No objections were raised towards this motion*

*-Deane Zahn mentions that online t-shirt pictures need to be updated*

Outreach Committee – Chair: Jason Mottern, Chris Martin, Adena Why

*-Plant sale went well*

1. Boys and Girls Club - Wed., Apr. 8, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm [**NEED 2 volunteers, specifically a driver**]

Location: 3711 Nichols Rd Lake Elsinore [35 minutes driving]

2. Boys and Girls Club - Tues., Apr. 14, 10:00 am - 11:00 am [**NEED 3 volunteers**]

Location: 40550 California Oaks Rd, Murrieta, California [40 minutes driving]

3. Grant Elementary School - Thurs., Apr. 16, 9:00 am - 11:00 am [**NEED 4 volunteers**]

Location: 550 West Olive St., Colton, CA 92324 [20 minutes driving]

4. Tour for Rich Twiss and son - Fri., Apr. 17, 3:00 - 4:00 pm [**NEED 1 volunteer**]

Location: Main Entomology Building, maybe your lab

5. April 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Night: leaves campus at 2:30. Need 4-8 volunteers.

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Jen Wright, Dagne Duguma, Jennifer Henke, Guanyang Zhang –*No announcement*

Seminar Committee – Chair: Jen Wright

*-It was unfortunate that a student speaker was scheduled during the ESA. This will not happen in the future*

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Toby Glik, Yuan Yao, Ricky Artiga

*-May Day/Cinco de Mayo on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm*

Travel Grant Committee – Deane Zahn

*-Don't forget to include a per diem*

**New Business: Jen Wright**

Faculty Award

*-Send in nominations through email. Nominations to be announced at the May Social*

*-Jen Henke suggested the possibility of having a Staff award too*

*-There was unanimous support for this motion.*

New EGSA position- Safety committee member

*- Position needs to be filled for next year.*

*-Will work with Peggy Worth*

*-Once a quarter would meet with Environmental Safety Commissioners and discuss/tour safety issues.*

Degree Specializations

*-Since 1992, 7 students have gotten a PhD with a specialization in Evolution, Ecology, and/or Organismal Biology through the Biology Department.*

*-Would students be interested in other optional specializations? Like Molecular genomics (9 quarters of classes)*

*-As of right now it is for Ph.D. students only.*

Nominations for New EGSA President

*-Send nominations to Jen Wright.*

*-New president will take over on July 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*-Some large duties consist of planning the Seminar Day and the EGSA camping trip*

Meeting adjourned 5:45pm

Next Meeting: Monday at 5:15 pm, **May 4th?**