

Entomology Graduate Student Association

Tuesday April 12, 2016 12:10pm

*Approve March 2016 minutes

Officer Reports

President – Sarah O’Neill

- Accepting suggestions & requests on activities/events to promote EGSA community, support grad student well-being.
- From Nancy: Hollis is interested in ongoing (bring-your-own-____) get-togethers on Picnic Hill on Fridays at 5pm. Contact Hollis if you like this idea!
- Large Conference Room is reserved every Tuesday 4-6pm & Wednesday 10am-12pm through spring quarter – open to everyone for writing, analyzing, etc. No need to RSVP, drop in for as much or as little time as you need, when it is convenient for you.
- Dog park meet-ups on Sundays at 2:00pm at the Carlson Bark Park on Mission Inn Avenue (right next to Mt. Rubidoux). Bring your friendly dog to play, or come to meet other people’s friendly dogs!
- EGSA Camping Trip is not totally scheduled (because Student Seminar Day is not totally scheduled) but is planned for Observatory Campground in the Palomar Mountains (1460m elevation), Cleveland National Forest, 120 km from UCR. The campground is a 3km walk/hike to Palomar Observatory (operated by California Institute of Technology). Dogs are welcome, and it has nice amenities:
<http://www.recreation.gov/camping/observatory-campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=72310>
- Outstanding Faculty & Staff Awards are coming up, please think about faculty & staff who deserve recognition for their support of and commitment to EGSA members.
- Outstanding EGSA Member Award (proposed) to honor an EGSA member who deserves special recognition for their support of and commitment to EGSA, and to individual EGSA members. Propose to award \$100.00 from EGSA account. Approved with 20 votes in favor.
- EGSA Student Fellowship (proposed) to support an EGSA member (currently enrolled) for research expenses, travel, etc. Propose to award \$400.00 from EGSA account to a single recipient selected by a committee of 3-5 faculty and/or research staff. Review committee will determine awardee based upon selection criteria of intellectual merit (primary), broader impacts (secondary), and financial need (tertiary). Need someone’s Adobe Acrobat to convert .xlsx form into PDF with fillable fields. Approved to move forward with the idea with 18 votes in favor and 2 abstains. Approved to arrange a committee to figure out the details of the award with 19 votes in favor and 1 against. Members of the committee are Austin Baker, Ben Demasi-Sumner, Sarah O’Neill, and Chrissy Dodge.

- Year-to-date EGSA Spending & Income for reference.

Category	Projected Amount	Actual To Date
EXPENSES		
Social:	1,000.00	826.32
Merchandise:	2,000.00	1,735.38
Fundraising:	2,350.00	1,260.38
Hospitality:	250.00	42.00
EGSA Meetings:	500.00	
Camping:	300.00	
Discretionary:	100.00	
Bank Fees		4.00
INCOME		
Fundraising:	3,000.00	3,407.75
Merchandise:	3,000.00	777.00
GSA Reimbursement:	500.00	

Vice President – Ryan Perry

Treasurer – Nancy Power

- Since **last** EGSA Meeting:

Income:

\$85.00 (Merchandise Sales)

\$300.00 (ISCA Technologies)

TOTAL: \$385.00

Expenses:

\$198.62 (Hot Dog Social)

TOTAL: \$198.62

Current Balances:

Cash: \$1182.27

Bank: \$6453.72

TOTAL: \$7635.99

Minister of Truth – Kristin (Cole) Wolfe

EGSA Departmental Representative Reports**Instructional and Student Affairs Committee (ISAC) – Jackie Serrano****Displays, Exhibits, Outreach – Nancy Power**

- Outreach insects are sometimes found without food. Australian leaf insect colony has died, all long-lived beetles have died.
- Look into getting outreach hours for caring for the insects.

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 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
- <https://twitter.com/InsectFair> & www.facebook.com/AnnualRiversideInsectFair/
- Fundraising Page: <https://www.gofundme.com/insectfair>
- 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.

Exam – Jackie Serrano**GSA Representative –Amelia Lindsey**

- I have sent out a survey, from the union, about work life balance among other things.
- GSA voting is April 11-15 at www.elections.ucr.edu. PLEASE VOTE. We need 20% of the grad population to get anything done.
- Update on the Rec-Center: Discussions are in progress about making the rec-center

more

affordable for grad students over the summers.

- There is a state proposal to do automatic voter registration for students enrolled in public universities. GSA has prepared a resolution in favor of this that will be sent out and voted upon next month. This program would be on an opt-out basis.
- Insurance update: We are now considering Aetna over UCship. UCship is a secondary insurance provider only and very expensive, so perhaps not worth it. Any questions can be sent to gship@ucr.edu
- Representation of science graduate students in GSA leadership and in TA Union leadership has historically been low. This is concerning, because these organizations have the power to (and do!) make decisions that affect us. Consider becoming involved at some time during your graduate school career – not only will you protect the interests of yourself and your peers while you are here, you'll also develop 'soft-skills' relevant to careers within and beyond academia (e.g. science policy!).

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

- Request to spend \$350.00 on merchandise, replenishing stock of small-medium sized shirts in anticipation of sales at the Riverside Insect Fair. Merchandise has been budgeted \$2000.00 for 2015-2016, and has spent \$1735.38 to date, so \$264.62 remains in allocated budget. The requested amount is \$85.38 beyond allocated budget for the year. A hand-vote with quorum (1/5 of 35 members) at meeting requires a simple majority to approve. Approved with 19 votes in favor.
- Requests specific items via EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com.
- Zazzle.com Website (<http://www.zazzle.com/riversideentomology/products>): Current balance is \$56.31. 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

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

- Winter quarter (Hot Dog & Beer!) social was Friday March 11
- Received \$25.00 in donations, hosted ~50 attendees.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with setup and cleanup!

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

UCR TA Union Representative: Debbie De La Riva

- Will be having a vacancy election for 1 head steward, 1 unit chair position.
- Always looking for departmental stewards.
- If anyone is interested in learning more about what either of those positions entail, please let me know (ddela005@ucr.edu).
- Monthly membership meeting in the LCR on April 13th from 4-6pm. This would be a good opportunity for anyone to come and check it out if you are curious!

Meeting adjourned: 1:10 pm