

April 9, 2018 5pm

**Entomology Graduate Student Association**

\*Approve March 2018 minutes – Approved 5:18pm

**Officer Reports*****President*** – Chrissy Dodge

- ESA PacBranch:
  - Deadline for early-bird registration is next Monday, April 16.
  - GSA CTG deadline is May 1.
  - If you are going to PacBranch, join our Linnaean Games team! Practice is Wednesdays at 5pm in the SCR.
- AAAS branch meeting is at Cal Poly Pomona this year (June 12-15, overlaps with PacBranch). Deadline for abstracts is April 18, early bird registration ends April 27. Follow this link for more: <http://associations.sou.edu/aaaspd/2018POMONA/>
- Agricultural Careers and Industry Professionals Networking Dinner – April 17, 5:30-8pm in HUB 302 North.
- Riverside Earth Day March for Science – Sunday April 22. Contact Ben for details.
- Robert van den Bosch Scholarship for biological control – applications due April 30, applicants must be advanced to candidacy by July 1, 2018.
- Camping trip is booked! September 21-23 at Barton Flats Campground in the San Bernadino Mountains (3 sites).
- Start thinking about nominations for Outstanding Faculty, Staff, and EGSA Member Awards (to be announced at Spring Social), and EGSA President for 2018-2019.
- Now displaying grad student publications in the lobby.
- Motion to create a new EGSA committee: Photoboard Committee (other name suggestions welcome). Duties include updating photos of department members and graduate student publications.
  - Hand vote:
    - In favor: 18
    - Opposed: 0
    - Abstain: 1
  - Austin volunteered to head this committee.
- EGSA Graduate Student Award draft – feedback welcome.
- EGSA Constitution & Bylaws Committee (at least 4 members) needed to review documents for approval before the end of the school year.
  - Ben, Austin, Tessa and Krissy volunteered.
- Add/drop deadline for Spring Quarter is this Friday, April 13.
- Remember to schedule your committee meetings before the end of the quarter.
- Next meeting: May 14 (I will be away the week of May 7).

***Vice President*** – Josh Wemmer

*Treasurer* – Austin Baker

Balance Mar 9, 2018: \$10,481.45

- Cash: \$404.83
- Bank: \$9,880.53
- FAU: \$196.09

Balance April 5, 2018: \$7909.42

- Cash: \$720.25
- Bank: \$6,993.08
- FAU: \$196.09

*Minister of Truth* – Laura Leger

### **EGSA Representatives**

*GSA Representative* – Kaleigh Fisher

1. Science to Policy (S2P) Program: 04/20/2018, 1-5 pm in Winston Chung Hall 205/206. UCR and the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) will host a convocation on science policy. This event will be the prelude to a series of UCR lectures and discussions beginning the S2P program. Attendees will explore how a Ph.D. graduate in the sciences can become a welcome, known, and trusted voice in public policy at the local, state, and/or federal levels. For more information, see the posting on [facebook.com/UCRGSA](https://facebook.com/UCRGSA).
2. Conference Travel Grant (CTG) update: CTGs can now fund travel to all 50 U.S. states after a reinterpretation of Assembly Bill Number 1887. GSA voted in favor of increasing the annual cap from \$1,000 per graduate student per year to \$1,200; for this to be finalized, it must be passed as a referendum in the GSA election (see below). For reference, several years ago, the cap was \$1,500, and there are ongoing efforts being made to restore that cap.
3. GSA elections update: Elections will be held online, April 23-27. Two important referendums are up for vote: the aforementioned CTG expansion and a reduction of the External Advocacy Membership fee by \$10.30 per student per quarter. There are close to 3,200 graduate students at UCR and 20% must vote for a referendum to even be considered (2017 saw 4% turnout). Please vote!
4. Graduate students will potentially be removed from the undergraduate mailing list (“Scotmail”) by the end of this academic year.
5. Conference Travel Coordinator, a graduate student position, is opening up as the current coordinator, Jose Medrano, is graduating. The position begins on July 1 and trains for one month. Interested applicants should contact Jose at [gsagrant@ucr.edu](mailto:gsagrant@ucr.edu).
6. For graduate students funded by TAships in the fall quarter, there is an ongoing effort to defer the payment deadline to for university tuition and fees to November 1, when the first paycheck of fall quarter is received. This is especially important for graduate

students funded by TAs in the spring quarter, because their last paycheck would be issued on July 1, resulting in three months of no payment preceding the fall fees deadline.

7. Academic Affairs Officer (AAO) meetings are mandatory for GSA representatives. Mini-GSA presidents and vice presidents are strongly encouraged to attend. Meeting times TBA.
8. Next GSA General Council Meeting: 05/02/2018 in HUB 355 at 7:00pm.

***ISAC Representative*** – Kaleigh Russell

- Update on ENTM Core class revisions

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

- The ENTM 250 seminar series will resume April 2.
  - 04/16/2018 Yehuda Ben-Shahar – Washington University in St. Louis
  - 04/23/2018 Alex Wild, University of Texas, Austin
  - 04/30/2018 Christine Bahlai, Kent State University, Ohio
  - 05/07/2018 Gavin Svenson – Cleveland Museum of Natural History
  - 05/14/2018 Lori Shapiro – NC State
  - 05/21/2018 Saskia A. Hogenhout – John Innes Centre
  - 05/28/2018 No seminar, Memorial Day
  - 06/04/2018 TBA

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

***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](mailto: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

- We made \$491.32 at the Urban Pest Management Conference
- Spring Plant Sale was Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. We probably made lots of money, but I'm writing this beforehand.

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

- Educational booth update
- Panel adjustments
- School outreach events
- Advertising ideas
- Call for volunteers:
  - Collecting trips – April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> (March for Science on 22<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Panels
  - Volunteers the day of the Insect Fair
  - Insect cage set-up/decorating

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

- Thanks for everyone that showed up to our Fiesta Friday event! Despite the cold weather, we had little over 50 people attend. This is usually our most expensive event of the year, as is evident from the total amount of \$355.27 we've spent. We're open for any feedback you all may have concerning how we can improve for next year.
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**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](mailto: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.

Meeting adjourned: 6:07pm