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Entomology Graduate Student Association

*Approve Jan 2014 Meeting Minutes

Officer Reports:

President – Michael Forthman

- ESA Student Affairs Committee accepted the idea of EGSA presenting a poster at the symposium on scientific communication and outreach. Waiting for approval from ESA if program symposium is approved. More on what SAC wants covered by EGSA to come later.
 - o Volunteers: Emily, Debbie, Erich, James, Amelia
- Highlander Link EGSA Roster Update (Office of Student Life) – There are still a few people who have not accepted invitations. **Important that you do!** If you don't want a lot of e-mails from this site, change your privacy settings.

Vice President – Amelia Lindsey

- Linnean Games Practices – Wednesday in the small conference room
- PBESA Nominations for Comstock and/or Student Leadership Awards
- PBESA travel grant applications due Feb 15

Treasurer – Judith Herreid

January 2013/January 2014

Expenses:

\$57.67 Pizza

Total Expenses: \$57.67

Balances:

\$144.40 Cash

\$4,969.46 Bank

Total Balance: \$5,113.86

Minister of Truth – Colin Umeda

EGSA Representatives:

Outreach Coordinator: Amelia Lindsey

- Feb 21, 8-11 AM, volunteers for 3 back-to-back presentations at an elementary school in Riverside
- Mar 5, 3:30-4:30 PM, volunteers for 30 visiting 6th graders – touch-a-bug and museum tour

GSA Representative: Cole Symanski

- GSA discussion with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs regarding improvement of mental health services. Looking for efficient ways to let students know what services the health center offers

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Representative: John Hash

- Currently reviewing applications for 2014-2015 academic year

Committees:

1) Craft Fair Committee – *Debbie De La Riva & Amy Murillo (Co-Chairs), Kim Hung, Parry Kietzman, Stephanie Leon:*

2) Exam Committee – *Parry Kietzman (Chair):*

- Please provide copies of question from your writtens so the binder can be updated

3) Merchandise Committee – *John Hash (Chair), Adena Why, Erich Schoeller, Judith Herreid, Amelia Lindsey, Debbie De La Riva :*

4) Recruitment Committee – *Emily McDermott (Chair), Amy Murillo, Austin Baker:*

- Update on Feb 28 Recruitment Day

5) Seminar Committee – *Aviva Goldmann & Chris Shogren (Co-Chairs):*

6) Social Committee – *Amelia Lindsey (Chair), Alex Knyshev, Cole Symanski, Jackie Serrano, Levi Zahn, Judith Herreid, Emily McDermott:*

- Winter Social: “Hot Dog Bar” on Friday, Feb 21, 4:30 PM

7) Technology Committee – *Eric Gordon (Chair), Ryan Perry, Kim Hung, Max Collignon, Colin Umeda:*

- Eric is the new Chair

8) Constitution Committee – *Amelia Lindsey, Amy Murillo, Genevieve Tauxe, Kim Hung:*

- Major changes to EGSA Constitution and Bylaws:
 1. Addressed EGSC recommendations:
 - a. Removed redundancies and contradictions
 - b. Consolidated information about EGSA practices and procedures from Bylaws into Constitution
 - c. Moved information about external obligations and communications procedures to Bylaws
 2. Overhauled voting procedures; two types of votes:
 - a. Electronic votes of the entire membership for issues such as Presidential elections, Budget, Impeachment, Constitution Ratification
 - b. In-person hand votes at EGSA meetings for other issues
 3. Updated Committee responsibilities
 - a. Craft Fair Committee renamed Fundraising Committee to accommodate possible additional fundraising events
 - b. Recruiting Committee renamed Hospitality Committee and expanded its role to host the recruiting events and the Welcome Back Picnic.
 - c. Eliminated Seminar Committee as this role is redundant with that of the Representative(s) to the Department’s Seminar Committee
 - d.

Created Annual Committees (Budget Committee, Constitution & Bylaws Committee)

e. Constitution & Bylaws Committee shall meet at least once a year to review Bylaws, every three years to review Constitution. Shall coordinate proposed amendments

4. Clarified the role of representatives

a. EGSA sends representatives to both GSA and departmental committees. We clarified the nature of these positions in the Bylaws and specified that all representatives should be listed on the website.

5. Added responsibilities for administering awards

a. The President is responsible for awarding the annual EGSA Faculty and Staff Awards, based on polling the membership (as currently practiced by not previously written down)

b. The Vice President is responsible for nominating students for appropriate external awards, such as the ESA Pac Branch Student Leadership Award (as was done in 2012 but not since)

Voting to approve the new constitution will occur in two weeks

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Undergraduate and Graduate Boards update (Debbie De La Riva, John Hash, Austin Baker) – should be done by February 28
2. Reward 4 Riverside STEM Academy middle school students who really know their insects! Would EGSA be willing to donate case to give these hard-working students some UCR/Entomology t-shirts, posters, etc.? (Sarah O’Neill) – Unanimous vote (19) to donate both t-shirts and posters
3. Next Meeting: March 10

Attendance

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1	Colin Umeda
2	Amelia Lindsey
3	Michael Forthman
4	Cole Symanski
5	Emily McDermott
6	John Hash
7	Amy Murillo
8	Deborah De La Riva
9	Stephanie Leon
10	Eric Gordon
11	Kim Hung
12	Genevieve Tauxe
13	Judith Herreid
14	Austin Baker
15	Aviva Goldmann
16	Adena Why
17	James Ricci
18	Erich Schoeller
19	Elizabeth Murray