

## Entomology Graduate Student Association

Tuesday November 10, 2015 12:10pm

\*Approve October 2015 minutes- Approved

### Officer Reports

#### **President** – Sarah O’Neill

- “Informal Social” on Oct. 28 at Getaway Café: ~10 attendees. Intend to repeat later in Fall Quarter – opinions/suggestions are welcome.
- Currently administer Outstanding Faculty, Outstanding Staff Awards each Spring. Interest in administering Outstanding Graduate Student, Outstanding Post-doctoral Researcher? Do they get a plaque? Or a mug?
- Interest in administering Graduate Student Scholarship or Travel Award?
- ESA Nov 14-18: Presenters are eligible for \$350 department funds + \$200 outreach fund.
- ESA/PBESA Student Awards – coordinated nomination of EGSA member(s).

#### **Vice President** – Ryan Perry

#### **Treasurer** – Nancy Power

- Since last EGSA Meeting:
  - Income: \$0.00
  - TOTAL: \$0.00
  - Expenses: \$0.00
  - TOTAL: \$0.00
  - Current Balances:
    - Cash: \$358.14 (\$119.00 is reserved for Recruitment Day)
    - Bank: \$6,308.44
    - TOTAL: \$6,666.58 (\$6,547.58)

#### **Minister of Truth** – Kristin Cole

### EGSA Departmental Representative Reports

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

- Proposed change to 2-unit seminar requirements: limitation (2) on number of repeated enrollments in same 2-unit seminar.
- Student input/approval of change is needed. Online vote?
- This way we may get more seminar options. We need a solid schedule for the year so people can plan ahead.

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

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

- Student-invited seminar speaker selected/scheduled: Jonathan Larson, March 28, 2016.

**Website and Newsletter** – Eric Gordon

- 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!
- 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**Committee Reports****Fundraising** – Debbie De La Riva, Kelsey Schall, Kaleigh Russell, Sarah O’Neill

- Craft Fair will be Tuesday December 1, 10am-3pm
- Volunteers requested for Craft Fair to help with honey, etc.. You get outreach hours

**Exam** – Jackie Serrano

- Shhh. Provide materials.

**GSA Representative** – Amelia Lindsey

- UCR GSA Conference Travel Grants have changed – lower compensation rates effective immediately. November travelers (i.e. to ESA) will be eligible to receive up to \$320. (<http://gsa.ucr.edu/conference-travel-grants/>) People are interested in having someone come talk and explain how to fill out forms to us.
- UCR GSA intends to approach UCR Chancellor Kim Wilcox and Graduate Dean Joe Childers to request greater support for GSA Conference Travel Grants. A system is being developed to collect feedback from graduate students who have benefited from these grants (e.g. won award or Linnaean games, met advisor(s), formed collaboration, etc.) and others who can attest to the benefits of this support. Please stay tuned for further information about this in your email inbox.
- ASUCR and UCR GSA may restructure some aspects of employment and accountability. This is currently uncertain, and it is unlikely to directly effect EGSA.

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

- Inventory conducted, new merchandise will be ordered post-ESA: t-shirts and mugs for total of ~\$1,000.00. Requests specific items via [EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com](mailto:EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com) or order sheet circulating.
- Plan to sell merchandise at department socials, and some public outreach events (outreach hours not awarded for fundraising time...)
- Merchandise Design Contest has begun, send designs to [EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com](mailto:EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com) by Nov. 20. Design winner will win a free t-shirt (with their design) and \$25 in merch. We already have 1 entrant with 2 designs!
- [Also, past entrants from previous years, please send your artwork to [EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com](mailto:EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com) to preserve artwork for future years of EGSA].
- ESA Nov. 14-18: We have a table in the exhibit hall for selling merch. Need volunteers to transport merch in luggage & to man merch table throughout conference – see sign-up sheets circulating.

- 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).
- Nancy: Chapul Cricket Bar proposal: an opportunity to educate the public on entomophagy, and sell insect-based food items. Purchase 60 bars (minimum order) @ \$122.40 and sell at \$3.50 each (MSRP) for \$1.46 profit per unit, **\$87.60 total profit** for entire order. Bars expire ~6 months, and would be stored in GSA room (Boyden 208). Chapul will provide some free samples with purchase. UCR EHS food permits required to sell bars at campus events, other venues will require specific food permits. Potential events to sell at: Craft Fair, UCRBG Plant Sales, Insect Fairs (If Chapul is not a present vendor). Is EGSA in support of undertaking ongoing food sales with Chapul cricket bars? Yes. We should try it for the craft fair.

**Hospitality (Winter Qtr. Recruitment Day)** – Amy Murillo

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

- Inventory conducted and materials/supplies/food/drink organized in Boyden 208.
- Fall Social planned for **Friday, December 4, 4:30-6:30pm**, in Entomology Courtyard (or Large Conference Room if raining). A potluck style Chili and Pie Cook-Off (3<sup>rd</sup> annual!)
- Volunteers are needed to provide corn bread, other sides
- Grand Prize for best chili & pie: suggestions?

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

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

Meeting adjourned: 12:47 pm