

Entomology Graduate Student Association Minutes

President Adena Why called meeting to order on October 5, 2009 at 5:10pm in the Large Conference Room

Approve June 2009 Meeting Minutes – Chrissy motions, Jen H. seconds.

Officer Elections:

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray is reelected unanimously

Treasurer – Genevieve Tauxe ran unopposed and was elected unanimously. She will be replacing Rebeccah Waterworth.

Minister of Truth – Kim ran unopposed and was elected unanimously. She will be replacing Chris Wheeler.

Committee Signups:

Computer Committee – Guanyang (chair), Kim

Craft Fair Committee – Chrissy (Chair), Jen W., Deane

Exam Committee – Dagne will have the exam folder in his mailbox.

GSA Representatives (2) – Chrissy, Elizabeth

Outreach Committee – Warren (chair), other outreach people are on the committee

Recruitment Committee – Deane Zahn (chair), Genevieve, Rochelle, Jen W.

Seminar Committee – Deane Zahn

Social Committee – Elizabeth Murray (chair), Ricky, Chrissy

Travel Grant Committee – Deane Zahn – Forms for travel grants are in her mailbox.

Merchandise Committee – Lily (chair), Wei Song, Adena, Genevieve, Guanyang

ISAC Rep. – Jen Henke

Officer Reports:

President – Adena Why recaps the camping trip. it went well and we had fun! Thanks for all who came!

BSGSAC AAC Committee – Stands for: Biological Science Graduate Student Affairs Center. Our representative for this committee is Jen W.

Treasurer – Rebeccah gives her Treasurer's Annual Report. A handout was distributed to attendees of our year's activities. Overall, here is how EGSA is doing financially:

Cash box: \$514.95

Bank: \$3,727.67

Department account: \$177.64

NEW BUSINESS:

ISAC Rep – Jen Henke is the Instructor & Student Affairs Committee representative. She represents us in the meetings with instructors. Jen reminds us that due to the restructuring of staff, our SAO (Student's Affairs Officer) is now Melissa Gomez. Additionally, Jen thanks us for volunteering for the Student Seminar Day (SSD).

Computer Committee – Guanyang would like to revamp the website:

The department is creating a student's news page and would like to get input monthly from students. Items include: Authorship on a paper or a grant, award, and EGSA activities.

I would like all grad students to send me emails about any relevant news (any time) and I will update the department student news page every month. In their email, please provide the following information:

1. for authorship on a paper: Standard information about the paper (title, authors, publication title, etc). Brief description of the work and the significance and the involvement/role of the student.
2. Grant: Name of the grant, amount, brief description of the purpose/project, and involvement/role of the student
3. Award: brief description of the award.

Pictures of the publication (if made as the cover page of the journal), grant, or activities can probably displayed too.

AAO introduction – Jen Wright is the new graduate student liaison between the dean of CNAS and graduate students.

Social Committee – Elizabeth is looking for volunteers for the Welcome back picnic. A sign-up sheet was passed around. We also passed around a sheet for birthdates of members for a birthday list.

The next social may be on October 30th. Perhaps a Halloween theme?

Craft Fair Committee – Date of the craft fair is still TBD but will be the day before Market Day in December.

Merchandise Committee – Wei Song discussed the general merchandising procedures for events, identified key problems and suggested solutions. He also went over the past sales figures.

Merchandise Committee Sept 08 – Sept 09 Sales Report

Expenditure	4807.99
Revenue	3101
Differential Surplus	3435
Profit	1728.01

w/out surplus

Expenditure	4807.99
Revenue	3101

Profit	-1706.99
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Product	Cost/Unit	Price/Unit	Profit
tote-bag	\$ 11.02	\$15.00	\$ 3.98
baseball cap	\$ 12.38	\$ 15.00	\$ 2.62
notebook	\$ 5.46	\$ 7.00	\$ 1.54
H2O bottles	\$ 7.72	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.29
shirts	\$ 8.92	\$15 or \$20	\$6.08 or \$11.08

2 Pie charts were discussed but unfortunately were not able to make it on the agenda.

CURRENT PROCEDURES:

Pre-event

- Count amount of merchandise
- Order/top-up merchandise
- Prepare merchandise to be sold in event

During event

- Sell merchandise
- Account sales

After event

- Re-count merchandise to account for sales

PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED:

Objective of merchandise committee needs to be updated

Goals of the committee (revenue source for EGSA or community service?)

Operations of merchandise committee not sustainable in the long term

- Too much merchandise: too many t-shirt designs (16), too many sizes (youth) small – large, adult small – XXL), too many different products (6 + FERM posters)
- As a result, stock-taking very time-consuming
- Annual T-shirt design competition introduces a new T-shirt item into the stock supply, increasing number of designs over time (new incoming designs + leftovers)
- Logistics problematic
- Quality of designs annually are inconsistent and unpredictable
- Good designs on paper may not transfer well onto T-shirts

Replacement of selling of merchandise at the departmental office by Cherie wanted – Rebecca has volunteered to be in charge of selling the merchandise in the office if we cannot have a person already in the office help us sell this merchandise. Much thanks will be given to whoever does this job!

AGREED CHANGES:

- We have 5 people in the committee to help out during stock-taking.

- Reduce the t-shirt supply to rotating 4 best-selling designs including 1 new design from most recent year. Citrus label shirt will be on limited print for special occasions.
- Give away the really old t-shirts that are not selling as prizes.
- Keep the annual T-shirt design contest with no theme restrictions. Future new shirt designs may be a limited edition depending on the demand.
- Keep producing best-selling merchandise: hats, water bottles, and t-shirts. Notebooks have not been in production long enough to indicate a successful or unsuccessful item. Mugs may be produced upon request by the department for distribution to guest speakers.
- Remove merchandise page from EGSA website.

Outreach Coordinator – Ricky Lara is the outreach coordinator for the fall quarter. He explains the Pomona Insect Fair and sign-up sheet is circulated. This outreach event is highly recommended and super fun!

Meeting adjourned around 6:40.

Next EGSA Meeting is November 2, 2009 at 5:15pm in the Large Conference Room.

Entomology Graduate Student Association Meeting

When: November 2, 2009, - call to order 5:19pm

Where: Large Conference Room

Approve October 2009 Meeting Minutes - Jen Henke motions, Jen Wright seconds. Minutes approved unanimously.

Officers Reports:

President – Adena Why

- 1.) Merchandise sales in the Business Office will be fine. We will have a trial run. Cynthia and Breanne will help with selling of merchandise. There is a catalog to view merchandise for selling ease. If we find that this does not work out, we will have to revert to selling with an on-call student. Thank you cards will be sent as a thank you to Cynthia and Breanne.

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray – turn in travel grants before the deadline.

Treasurer – Rebeccah Waterworth & Genevieve Tauxe

Bank: \$3,292.04	Income from Pomona Insect Fair: \$219.00
Cash: \$607.77	Halloween social expenses: \$222.97
Department: \$177.64	Halloween social donations: \$99

Minister of Truth – Kim Hung

GSA Reps. – Elizabeth Murray and Chrissy Mogren –

- Talk to Maria to be on the approved sender list for the EGSA email list.
- There are still positions open for GSA committees. Open to any grad student.
- Budget shortfall: UC system have \$5 billion shortfall. UCR have \$50 million shortfall. Cuts into funding for grad students. UCR have couple billion in bonds but can't touch it. Fee increases will be less than undergrad but will be 50% per year increase.
- Need assistant to help with travel grants in Graduate Student Office. This position will be compensated with pay.
- GSHIP: working on reciprocity and better health care. COBRA health insurance will be available for those who graduate without job.
- At UCSA.org they are collecting health insurance surveys/opinion on UCR experiences with healthcare coverage.
- Music dept. trying to get soccer team started. Anyone interested in playing against the music dept?
- Southeast Asian studies program is looking for first-hand testimonial about the recent natural disasters in the Southeast Asia area.

ISAC Rep – Jen Henke

1. Report on survey re: SSD – report included at the end of minutes.
2. Feedback on award, feedback from judges – enough feedback or not enough feedback from professors? Mostly enough. A few individual problems.
 - Some faculty felt that the SSD was more competitive and taking away from the original goal. Considerations for having professors judge those that are more familiar with the presenters' discipline. Considerations for better feedback methods discussed... to be continued.
3. 2010 enrollment targets – targets from Dean regarding enrollment targets: 6 PhD students and no less.

Committee Reports:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Kim Hung

- Updated website. And put in new pictures.
- Put in for renewal for SAS software license.
- Dept would like to redesign graduate profile website. To provide profile info and information on what they study similar to current professor profile page. Approved unanimously.

Craft Fair Committee– Chair: Chrissy Mogren, Jen Wright, Deane Zahn

- Still coordinating for vendors. If you know of anyone affiliated with UCR that may be interested please have them contact the Craft Fair committee. Planned date of event: December 3rd. Hours: 10-3, possibly.

Exam Committee – Dagne Duguma Demisse – exam folder is in his box. Just notify him if anything is taken out.

Outreach Committee – Chair: Warren MacDonald, Ricky Lara, Departmental GSRs**Ricky Lara – Outreach update**

- Ricky thanks all for help. ☺💧💧
- Nov. 19th – King high school to talk about biological control. 2 presentations for 2 hours. Thursday, November 19th 10:30-12:30pm. Need 1 more volunteer.

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Genevieve, Rochelle, Jen Wright.

Seminar Committee – Deane Zahn

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Ricky Lara, Chrissy Mogren

- Halloween was fun. We made \$99 in donations. Next social: going low key. No decoration. Finger foods. Less clean up. So we don't need too many volunteers.

Travel Grant Committee – Deane Zahn

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Lily Berniker, Wei Song, Adena Why, Genevieve Tauxe, Guanyang Zhang

- Sold 21 shirts at the insect fair.

New Business:**President - Adena Why**

- 1.) EGSA bank account – Credit Union – problem with Bank of America, since we aren't technically non-profit. Would like to move account to credit union associated with UCR. Could still have checks in EGSA names. \$1 maintenance fee monthly is possible. One time set up fee. Approved unanimously.
- 2.) Grad Student webpage on the Entomology Dept. website
- 3.) Dept. parties – mentioned previously
- 4.) Salvation Army Angels program – annually around holidays and needy families send wish list to them. We will be doing it again this year. Yay wrapping party!
- 5.) Clean up of the Student room in Boyden. We need to get a few people to organize and clean up since this is also a student office. Sorry Melissa Yoder! Would like some organizing materials. Social committee and Outreach committee to help?

Jen Wright – AAO update on mtg. with Linda Walling – issues with myths with assigning TAs. There is hierarchy: first are PhD students, within normative time, then masters, then biomed students. Best way to TA: list 4-5 classes you want to teach. Best if you're flexible with quarters. If you choose a microbiology or math class, you're more likely to teach. CNAS scholarships, very vague but few applicants.

Next Social: **Christmas Party Date TBA**

Next Meeting: Monday at 5:15 pm, **December 7th**

Meeting adjourned 6:14pm.

Student Feedback regarding Student Seminar Day

Compiled by Jennifer Henke for ISAC meeting 10/28/09 - SUMMARY

Positive comments:

Overall, students rated this year's Student Seminar Day positively. Most respondents felt that it was better than previous events. Most students appreciated the variety of food, the duration of the breaks, the later start time, and the after party.

Negative comments:

The students felt that the posters were cramped. The location was marked down for this and the fact that we were trying not to disturb people in their offices or in an exam. A couple of students noted that they were looking forward to using Genomics next year. One student felt that the cream cheese was a poor choice. One student felt that the sandwiches were slightly soggy. One student felt the lunch break was too long. One student felt that not enough professors attended. One student was concerned over the use of the AV equipment and whether it was necessary. One student would prefer to have a computer screen available to view his/her presentation without looking at the presentation screen.

The biggest complaints were from the student poster judges who felt pressed for time and did not have as much of an opportunity to enjoy the day.

Comparison to previous events:

Better in general, though the poster session was a bit cramped.

Specific recommendations for improvement:

1. More space for the posters if there continues to be so many.
2. Ensure that new students know where the location is (signs, map, etc.)

Entomology Graduate Student Association Minutes

When: December 7, 2009, 5:15 pm

Where: Large Conference Room

Approve November 2009 Meeting Minutes – Deane approves and Jen H. seconds. Meeting minutes approved.

Officers Reports:

President – Adena Why

- 1.) Grad student webpage – send your blurb to Breanne ASAP!

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray

- 1.) Josh Rodstein's webpage, with general photographs and Entomology events. – he has pics from past socials and seminar day.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/jrodstein>

- 2.) EGSA cleaned up Outreach / Social Room – thanks to all who helped!

Treasurer – Rebekkah Waterworth – off in Australia!

Genevieve Tauxe – still here! Yay!

Starting bank balance: \$3292.04

Income: \$473.16 (craft fair vendor fees, social donations, reimbursement for picnic expenses)

Expenses: \$611.39 (honey supplies and T-shirts)

Current bank balance: \$3163.81 (down \$128.23)

Starting cash box: \$607.77

Income: \$49 (social donations)

Expenses: \$152.94 (gift for office staff, pizza for meeting, organizing supplies for store room)

Current cash box: \$503.83 (down \$103.94)

ERS account: \$162.08 (no activity this month.)

Total change this month: down \$232.17. This does not include income from the day of the Craft Fair.

Minister of Truth – Kim Hung

- 1.) Need a temporary replacement for Kim during Winter Qtr. – Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain volunteers.

GSA Reps. – Elizabeth Murray and Chrissy Mogren

- GSHIP and future health insurance. Possible new student health insurance plan may have prices going up. Lots of confusion regarding the implementation of new insurance. If you desire more information, please contact Chrissy.

ISAC Rep – Jen Henke

1. Results from second SSD survey – summary of responses are available following these notes. ISAC heard comments and will look into them.
2. Update on SSD 2010 – Next SSD scheduled for Thursday Sept 16th, 2010. Talks will be in Genomics, posters will likely be in Entomology. Details TBA.

3. Request for changes to orientation day– usually consists with lunch with the Office staff. Surveys for changes for orientation distributed at the meeting. Please tell Jen Henke what you wish you had known when you started at UCR in relation to the Entomology Department. Email her with answers before Dec 18th, 5pm.

Committee Reports:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Kim Hung

- 1.) The broken Canon printer too costly to repair (\$120+) and a used Canon printer was installed.
- 2.) Please send your blurb about your research to Breanne.

Craft Fair Committee– Chair: Chrissy Mogren, Jen Wright, Deane Zahn

- 1.) Report on the Craft Fair – summary of revenue from this and last year distributed during the meeting. \$1437 from the honey. Biggest drop from last year was merchandise and vendors. Raffle didn't work as well. Overall still great job with the craft fair! Adena won the raffle! Yay Chrissy and everyone else that helped!

Exam Committee – Dagne Duguma Demisse – they are still in his folder!

Outreach Committee – Chair: Warren MacDonald, Departmental GSRs – Ricky! We are done with outreach. The next person will be Chrissy! Good job this quarter! Outreaches for January will be planned and announced shortly.

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Genevieve, Rochelle, Jen W.

Seminar Committee – Deane Zahn

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Ricky, Chrissy – Feb social maybe?

- Want to wear fancy dresses to the December holiday social? Reminder: campus will be closed by 18th for two weeks.

Travel Grant Committee – Deane – yay!

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Lily Berniker, Wei Song, Adena, Genevieve, Guanyang

- 1.) Selling merchandise at ESA – We will be selling our stuff! She needs people to be at that table to sell merchandise. 9-3pm Sun-Wed or earlier. People have volunteered extra baggage space to bring the shirts!
- 2.) Prize for the winner of the Dept. T-shirt contest – complementary t-shirt for the winner in the size of his choice. Treasurer approves.

New Business:

President - Adena Why

- 1.) Salvation Army Angels program - Wrapping presents on Dec. 11th from 2:30-4:30pm –Thanks for donations! Please bring in additional donations by Thursday.

Jen Wright –I would like the professors to implement a workshop regarding interview techniques for academic jobs in a variety of fields. – Just like how we have grant writing classes. Sounds like a good idea.

Next Social: **Christmas Party Date TBA**

Next Meeting: Monday at 5:15 pm, **MEETING MOVED TO JANUARY 11TH**.

Meeting adjourned 6:00pm.

Student Feedback regarding Judging and Awards

Compiled by Jennifer Henke for ISAC meeting 11/18/09 – SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the 13 responses I received to the following questions.

For presenters:

1. What type of presentation did you give this year? [Note: This is to help me to see if one group of presenters feels slighted overall (e.g. talks vs. posters)]

5 talks; 4 posters (4 did not present or did not answer the question)

2. Please comment on the amount of feedback that you received on the judging forms. Were enough comments made? Was the criticism constructive?

7 noted that the feedback they received was constructive. Three noted that there minimal comments by some judges. One stated that judging forms were lost. One student noted the feedback was contradictory but that was typical when having multiple judges (“But it always is when there are many people judging. Example: I liked the way you ordered the talk vs. I didn’t like the way you organized the talk.”)

One student remarked that there are the informal interactions on SSD where students can receive more feedback. Additionally, three students noted that all members of the audience could be supplied with critique forms if the students feel that there is a need for more feedback (though one noted the possibility of no feedback on these forms).

For all students:

For a variety of reasons, ISAC is considering doing away with the awards. While there is no financial concern, recent judges have found it difficult to rank so many good presentations and give a single top award. Additionally, the number of presentations has made it difficult for judges to enjoy the rest of the seminar day, as they feel compelled to spend most of their time evaluating. ISAC feels that Student Seminar Day was intended to be a day where faculty and students spent time discussing research rather than competing for a prize.

If the awards were abolished, ISAC would seek to have faculty evaluate groups of talks or posters. The idea is that more faculty could participate, and the students should receive more and more in-depth feedback.

1. Do you want to keep the "top awards" (Best Two Talks, Best Two Posters) as part of Student Seminar Day? Why or why not?

8 keep

1 do away with

4 don’t care (3 leaning towards keep; 1 leaning towards do away with)

Reasons:

Keeping – The students remarked that the awards provided a little extra incentive to do well, that the recognition and addition to the CV was nice, and that it prepares students for “higher stakes venues, such as ESA.”

Removing – The students remarked that the choosing of a single winner is arbitrary and that the students should be motivated enough, given that they are presenting in front of their peers and faculty.

2. Given the growing number of talks and posters, what ideas do you have regarding giving evaluators time to complete comments without overwhelming a small number of volunteers?

Set criteria for style and content for posters.

Divide the posters and talks into sections (2-4 suggested) and have a mix of faculty from in and outside of those sections judge them. Students mentioned using the four ESA sections (though several noted that this may be problematic due to low representation in some sections), dividing by time of presentation, or dividing molecular vs. not. One mentioned to divided these into sections and then re-examine the best in those categories to determine an overall winner.

SSD should not be a time for in-depth critiques; it should be a time for communicating your work to a “larger” audience. In-depth critiques should come from your lab and your committee.

Reduce the number of presentations by having graduate students present talks in odd year and have undergraduates and faculty present posters.

Keep the posters up longer and/or submit pdfs to the judges prior to SSD.

Make the award scheme more flexible (if that year the judges feel there are 3 best talks, then give three awards).

Finally, feel free to submit any other comments you have regarding Student Seminar Day or any other student issue that should be presented to ISAC.

Student Seminar Day should be mandatory for the faculty.

Entomology Graduate Student Association | **January 2010**

Meeting Minutes

When: January 11th, **2010**, Call to order at 5:15 pm

Where: Large Conference Room

Approve November 2009 Meeting Minutes – Deane motions, Jen Henke approves

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President – Adena Why

- 1.) Recap of the Salvation Army Angels program – *Thanks to everyone that helped out! We donated many things including workbooks, educational materials, gift cards to Target, Food4Less, and Walmart*

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray

Treasurer - Genevieve Tauxe
Rebeccah Waterworth

Current bank balance: \$3454.37 (no activity)
Outstanding checks to deposit: \$616.00 (craft fair and ESA sales)

Starting cash box: \$503.83
Income: \$2004.90 (craft fair and ESA sales)
Expenses: \$1072.22 (craft fair supplies, T-shirts)
Current cash box: \$1435.62 (up \$931.79)

ERS account: \$162.08 (no activity)
Total assets: 5668.07 (up \$1547.79)

Minister of Truth – Kim Hung and temporarily Rochelle – *Kim will be departing for Israel for the next two months. Rochelle will be our temporary Minister of Truth until Kim returns! Take good notes, Rochelle!*

GSA Reps. – Elizabeth Murray and Chrissy Mogren – *More news about the student health care issue will be coming soon...*

- *Campus health survey will be coming out, please fill it out when this becomes available. Check your emails! (you might win the raffle!)*
- *UC is accepting apps for student rep for the UC student regent.*
- *GSA is taking the initiative to try to overturn 2/3 legislative requirement for California law*
- *English department has their 17th annual conference. They are accepting abstracts from all departments relating to the theme: States of Crisis.*
- *Please talk to Chrissy if you would like more information on any of the above.*

ISAC Rep – Jen Henke

1. *Apply for TAships online: <http://taonline.ucr.edu> by FRIDAY (1/15)*
2. *Changes to orientation*
3. *The date for this year's progress report moved to May 31st.*

Entomology Graduate Student Association | [January 2010]

Meeting Minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Kim Hung

Craft Fair Committee– Chair: Chrissy Mogren, Jen Wright, Deane Zahn

Exam Committee – Dagne Duguma Demisse

Outreach Committee – Chair: Warren MacDonald, Departmental GSRs

- *We discussed ways to attract more people interested in hosting outreach events including sending out mailings. Last time we sent out mailers were several years ago. Winter is usually a slow quarter. Spring is usually busier.*

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Genevieve, Rochelle, Jen W.

Seminar Committee – Deane Zahn

- *Please respond to emails for speaker lunches sooner rather than later.*

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Ricky, Chrissy

Travel Grant Committee – Deane

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Lily Berniker, Wei Song, Adena, Genevieve, Guanyang

- *Thanks for all that helped with selling, we sold 8 shirts and 2 notebooks!*

NEW BUSINESS:

President - Adena Why

- 1.) A new printer for Boyden – *In order to continue printing without the printer eating paper, we have designated Guanyang to shop for a quality printer that is affordable, durable, and at a great price. Must print double sided! Adena suggested talking to Bill Sutton for some university specials.*

Jen Henke

- 1.) Linnaean Team – *We got 2nd place nationally this year! If you are interested in participating in the team, the next practice is this Wednesday (Jan 13th) at 4pm in the small conference room. If you have any more questions, please talk to other team members like Jen Henke, Casey Butler, Wei Song, Elizabeth, Adena, or Deane.*

Chrissy Mogren

- 1.) The possibility of bottling and selling honey more than just once a year since demand seems to be high enough.
 - a. *Overall, we liked the idea. Deane noted that the energy and time put into bottling the honey may not be worth the trouble. It will be helpful to combine selling the honey with other merchandising events like the plant sale or the urban entomology conference in the spring. Selling at events within a 3 month period will also account for the possible problem of surplus honey. We should not keep honey sitting for long periods of time or else it will crystallize.*
- 2.) Moving the meetings to the 2nd Monday of the month – *In order to provide information in a timely manner after the GSA meetings (which are the first Wednesday of the month) - All approved*

Next Social: **Feb 12 – Valentine Social! <3**

Next Meeting: Monday at 5:15 pm, **Feb. 8th**
Meeting Adjourned at 5:51 PM

**Entomology Graduate Student Association
Agenda**

When: February 8, 2010, 5:15 pm
Where: Large Conference Room

Approve January 2010 Meeting Minutes- *Everyone approves*

Officers Reports:

President – Adena Why

1.) Opening new bank acct. soon at Altura Credit Union

Reminder: We will be closing the Bank of America account, because of account terms issues. This will not occur until the new bank account is set-up.

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray

Attention: *If you are planning to apply for a GSA Travel Grant please be aware that they use a different formula than our department office to calculate reimbursement. You must turn in all receipts that itemize items purchased. GSA will then divide your total expenditures in half, the department will be responsible for the other half. In other words, you are not guaranteed to get the full amount you are quoted.*

Treasurer - Genevieve Tauxe

Rebeccah Waterworth

Current bank balance: \$3454.37 (no activity)

Current cash balance: \$1318 (down \$117.62, pizza and social expenses)

Outstanding checks to deposit: \$616

ERS account: \$0.47 (down \$161.61) *this account is maintained by the department*

Minister of Truth – Kim Hung (and temporarily Rochelle)

Kim has made it to Israel safely, and is doing well.

GSA Reps. – Elizabeth Murray and Chrissy Mogren

The Student Rec Center is may be expanding. GSA will be voting this Spring for a quarterly increase in 2014 of \$150 (from the current \$59 to \$208) to cover the cost of expansion.

Update: *Riverside, Irvine, and Berkley have pulled out of G-ship (UC wide insurance program), so as of now there is no UC wide plan in the foreseeable future.*

Reminder: *PLEASE fill-out the survey about what you would like to see in our healthcare plan. It was sent to your email. If you deleted it PLEASE find it and undelete it, and fill it out.*

ISAC Rep – Jen Henke

1.) Update on admissions progress

- 9 students have been accepted for the PhD program. 3 more will be voted on Feb 9th.
- We don't have any new issues to address with ISAC

Committee Reports:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Kim Hung

- 1.) The new printer in Boyden
- *it should be here this week hopefully!*

Craft Fair Committee– Chair: Chrissy Mogren, Jen Wright, Deane Zahn

Exam Committee – Dagne Duguma Demisse

Outreach Committee – Chair: Warren MacDonald, Departmental GSRs

- *PLEASE volunteer*
- *Chrissy would especially love to have extra volunteers for events involving small children*

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Genevieve, Rochelle, Jen W.

Seminar Committee – Deane Zahn

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Ricky, Chrissy

- 1.) Valentines Day social sign-ups and Secret Valentines
- PLEASE volunteer to help out to make these events run smoothly*
- Could still use some people to help with set-up and clean-up*

Travel Grant Committee – Deane

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Lily Berniker, Adena, Genevieve, Guanyang

- Will be ordering more mugs for the speaker*
- Next events are the Botany Plant sale, Insectaval, and the Urban Entomology Conference.*

New Business:

President - Adena Why

Next Social: **Feb. 12th**

Visitors from the English Dept. solicited volunteers to join their conference

Theme: States of Crisis

Date: April 9th and 10th

This conference is open to all grad students in all departments

They would especially love to have some science presenters

If you would like to present at this conference abstracts can be sent to:

disjunctions2010@gmail.com

Submission deadline: March 5th

Please state which medium you will be using to present (powerpoint, paper reading, etc.)

Time lengths are variable (10-30 minutes)
They will still accept Panel members as well

Next Meeting: Monday at 5:15 pm, **March 8th**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

Entomology Graduate Student Association Agenda

When: March 15, 2010, 4:10pm: **Meeting began at 4:10pm**

Where: Large Conference Room

Approve February 2010 Meeting Minutes: Minutes Approved

Officers Reports:

President- Adena Why

Vice President- Elizabeth Murray

Treasurer- Genevieve Tauxe
Rebeccah Waterworth

Current bank balance: No idea

Minister of Truth- Kim Hung and temporarily Rochelle

GSA Reps.- Elizabeth Murray and Chrissy Morgen

March 4th walk-outs: English 1c is now required to graduate, Extend Library Hours, More printing....

GSHIP: committee has met once, planning another meeting soon

GSA Elections: April 19th-23rd, many openings in GSA for next year

ISAC Rep- Jen Henke

10 offers, 4 students have accepted

No new issues to report to ISAC

Committee Reports:

Computer committee-Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Kim Hung

Tell Rebeccah if you need more paper for the printer

New printer has been ordered

Craft Fair Committee- Chair: Chrissy Morgen, Jen Wright, Deane Zahn

Nothing new

Exam Committee- Dagne Duguma Demisse

The exam folder has been found, but is now checked out to someone

Outreach Committee- Chair: Warren MacDonald, Departmental GSRs

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the mail room door for volunteers to man the table at the Plant Sale. Please sign-up by Friday March 19th.

Recruitment Committee- Chair: Deane Zahn, Genevieve, Rochelle, Jen W.

Nothing new

Seminar Committee- Deane Zahn

Nothing new

Social Committee- Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Ricky, Chrissy

Nothing new

May have another social in spring (early June?)

Travel Grant Committee- Deane Zahn

Nothing new

Merchandise Committee- Chair: Lily, Adena, Genevieve, Guanyang

Upcoming events: Plant Sale, Urban Ent. Conf. (just selling during breaks for a couple hours)

New Business:

**Jen Wright: CNAS-AAO rep is looking for a replacement
just need to go to GSA meetings and CNAS meeting
requires little effort**

pay: \$100

Will be on the ballot for new position. Please Vote for Her!

Next Meeting: Monday at 5:15, April 12?

Meeting Adjourned at 4:22 pm

Entomology Graduate Student Association Minutes

When: April 19th, 2010, 5:15 pm Time officially began: 5:17
Where: Large Conference Room

Approve March 2010 Meeting Minutes Approved.

Officers Reports:

President – Adena Why

- 1.) New bank acct. at Altura Credit Union is set up.

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray – turn in stuff for travel.

Treasurer - Genevieve Tauxe

Our transfer to Altura Credit Union is complete. Thanks to Rebeccah for all her help with this process!

Current moneys:

Cash: \$1041

CU checking: \$2873

Printer acct: \$262

This reflects income from merchandise sales over spring break and expenses from stocking up on merchandise and reserving a campsite for this fall. Yay!

Minister of Truth – Kim Hung

GSA Reps. – Elizabeth Murray and Chrissy Mogren – vote on the rec center expansion. Keep an eye on emails for healthcare info. Elections this week (April 20-23). Vote for GSA meeting officers. Vote vote vote! Some career center events for grad students may be coming out in emails soon.

ISAC Rep – Jen Henke

- 1.) We currently have 7 students who have accepted our offers.

Feel free to ask me questions about this or encourage others to bring student issues to me to present to ISAC.

Committee Reports:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Kim Hung, Rebeccah Waterworth

- 1.) I am around to supply paper and check on ink. If there are any problems, have people get in touch with me. -Rebeccah Waterworth.

- 2.) Also, power to Boyden Lab will be cut on Sunday (4/25) from 8 am to 2 pm. Signs

are posted on all entrances to the building. I will shut down all computers and printers (and likely unplug them) around 5 pm Saturday 4/24. People who use the computers and printers after 5 pm on Saturday are asked to please turn them back off.

Craft Fair Committee– Chair: Chrissy Mogren, Jen Wright, Deane Zahn

Exam Committee – Dagne Duguma Demisse – Melissa has the exam folder

Outreach Committee – Chair: Warren MacDonald, Departmental GSRs - Look out for those outreach emails! We are expecting some more.

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Genevieve, Rochelle, Jen W.

Seminar Committee – Deane Zahn

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Ricky, Chrissy

Travel Grant Committee – Deane - Forms format will change. \$200 travel grant max. itemized receipts necessary for all reimbursements.

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Lily Berniker, Adena, Genevieve, Guanyang

New Business:

1.) Faculty and Staff Award Nominations

Email will be sent out. Recognizing what professor/staff member that you feel has been very helpful.

Next Social: ??? **May?**

Meeting adjourned: 5:37pm

Next Meeting: Monday at 5:15 pm, **May 10th. Expect a surprise! (Especially you, Chris Martin!)**

Entomology Graduate Student Association Minutes

May 10, 2010

When: May 10th, 2010, 5:15 pm

Where: Large Conference Room

Special Presentation to Chris Martin re: Outreach by the Girl Scout troops 1124

Waggle Dance!

Approve April 2010 Meeting Minutes – Genevieve approves, Jennifer Henke seconds motion.

Officers Reports:

President – Adena Why

- 1.) Voting for the Faculty and Staff Awards – they will be announced at the next social. Ballot box in the main office.

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray

Treasurer - Genevieve Tauxe

Bank balance at Altura Credit Union: \$4135.80

Cash available: \$933.29

Minister of Truth – Kim Hung

GSA Reps. – Elizabeth Murray and Chrissy Mogren –

- Rec center expansion passed.
- GSA travel grant officer position is still open.
- Health insurance and budget approved for next year.
- Cost of Health insurance next year will be \$640, 6.1% increase. We will have all mental health covered. Covers 2 outpatient visits. Prorate gship for international students. Graduate student continuation insurance up to 3 months past graduation. Reciprocity between the UCs, healthcare covered by gship if getting it from another UC. Dependent care cost reduced and cost of adding spouse to insurance reduced.
- Please talk to Chrissy for more detailed information.

ISAC Rep – Jen Henke

- Currently 9 PhD students accepted, 1 application waiting, and a masters student unknown.
- Changes for this year: Student webpage updates: add a CV possibly by Sept 1st. Joe Morse will give more info soon.
- Student seminar day is Sept 16. Info TBA in July. Prep those talking skillz!
- If you're interested in getting involved with Student orientation on September 21st., talk to Jennifer Henke.
- Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science. National conference Sept 30-Oct 3 in Anaheim. UCR will do a "Graduate school preview day" type event on Sept 30 from 10-12pm at UCR, we will be asked to tour labs for that event. We may host a booth on the 1st and 2nd of October in Anaheim.

Entomology Graduate Student Association Minutes

May 10, 2010

Committee Reports:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Kim Hung, Rebeccah Waterworth

Craft Fair Committee– Chair: Chrissy Mogren, Jen Wright, Deane Zahn

Exam Committee – Dagne Duguma Demisse – Folder is back and available.

Outreach Committee – Chair: Warren MacDonald, Departmental GSRs –

- Outreaches 25th May Monday: McKinley Elementary 9:30 for 1st graders.
- Friday 28th McKinley 10:45am - 2nd grade group – Jen Wright, Guanyang, looking for one more volunteer.
- June 1st and 3rd - 4th graders at UCR, exact time TBA.

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Genevieve, Rochelle, Jen W.

Seminar Committee – Deane Zahn

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Ricky, Chrissy

Travel Grant Committee – Deane

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Lily Berniker, Adena, Genevieve, Guanyang

New Business:

- 1.) **Presidential Nominations** – Adena's term is coming up. ;_); Please send her an email for nominations. Person will be notified of nomination and asked if wishing to be Prez. We will have a person by end of July.
- 2.) Next Social: **June 4th – Friday. MUST HAVE VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN UP, OR ELSE!**

Next Meeting: Monday at 5:15 pm, **June 7th**

Meeting adjourned 5:55

**Entomology Graduate Student Association
Minutes (Last one for this academic year!)**

When: June 7th, 2010, 5:15 pm

Where: Large Conference Room

Joe Morse will discuss TAs and TAAC assignments – plenty of TA positions in CNAS so please apply! Discussed priority of TA. A handout written by J.M. Heraty handed out.

SSD: encourage your Profs to come! => Any more questions ask Joe Morse and John Heraty

Approve May 2010 Meeting Minutes – Chrissy approves and Genevieve seconds. All approves yay!

Officers Reports:

President – Adena Why

- 1.) Faculty and Staff Awards were given out at the social – this year’s winners were Rick Redak and Bill Walton. Staff award: Paul Rugman.
- 2.) We are reregistered with office of student life. We need to go to “SOLAR system” to register ourselves as members to show our activity. Minimum 15 people

Vice President – Elizabeth Murray

Treasurer - Genevieve Tauxe

Cash on hand: \$821.29

Bank balance: \$3763.80

As of 6/3/2010. Includes expenses from 6/4 social but not donations.

Minister of Truth – Kim Hung

GSA Reps. – Elizabeth Murray and Chrissy Mogren

ISAC Rep – Jen Henke

1. Final numbers of incoming students – 10 new phd students. 1 masters student on scholarship! Wow!
2. Discussion of techniques courses- hands on lab-based course for learning skills. Like microscopy or molecular ecology. They’re looking at resurrecting these courses. 1-2 units, 3 hr lab and or 1hr discussion
3. SSD - Sept. 16 (look for an email in July with more info) – will be in Genomics building and Entomology building as far as we know. Pdf of posters should be submitted the day before. Dividing posters into categories for easier review process.
- 3a. Reminders of changes to SSD

4. New student orientation - Sept. 21 – ask the grad student panel may be included. Send an email if interested.
5. We need new isac rep. duty: attend isac mtg every other week. Plan SSD with Joe and Melissa, read new apps, send out surveys, etc. Can talk to other previous isac reps: Deane, Cassie, Genet, and Jen H... One year term: July 1st to June 30th – interested candidates should submit email Monday the 14th to Elizabeth Murray.

Committee Reports:

Computer Committee – Chair: Guanyang Zhang, Kim Hung, Rebecca Waterworth
Brother printer in the computer lab had its toner replaced. Kim will be in charge of the computing lab during the summer for maintenance issues (Thanks to her generous agreement), but purchase request has to be sent to me until Kim becomes the new chair.

Craft Fair Committee– Chair: Chrissy Mogren, Jen Wright, Deane Zahn

Exam Committee – Dagne Duguma Demisse

Outreach Committee – Chair: Warren MacDonald, Departmental GSRs

Recruitment Committee – Chair: Deane Zahn, Genevieve, Rochelle, Jen W. Deane thanks all people for signing up for lunches. She appreciates it very much!

Seminar Committee – Deane Zahn

Social Committee – Chair: Elizabeth Murray, Ricky, Chrissy – thanks to all who helped! Ricky and Chrissy!

Travel Grant Committee – Deane – travel grant forms will be clarified. Need 3 outreaches and 2 EGSA events. (fall only a combination) to get \$200 from the dept. starting the academic year. Please double check for fund matching policies with GSA. Please remember that academic year is July 1st.

Merchandise Committee – Chair: Lily Berniker, Adena, Genevieve, Guanyang

New Business:

- 1.) Making beeswax chapsticks. Kirk's class made chapstick. Could be merchandise? Craft fair thing? Can we sell cosmetics?
- 2.) New President - Elizabeth Murray *applause*
- 3.) Camping trip in the fall – beach! Going to San Onofre state beach near San Clement. Friday thru Sunday 17th-19th.

Next Social: **Welcome Back picnic**

Next Meeting: Monday at 5:15 pm, in the fall

Adjourned 6:18pm