

Entomology Graduate Student Association

Hi all. It has been a pleasure to have been your Minister of Truth the past year. Happy typing, Rochelle! – Kim

Introductions:

Adam Daniels from Student Life

Josh Knapp, our GSA Academic Affairs Officer

5:15: Entomology Outreach Coordinator: Alec Gerry

Alec explained the new policy for the \$200 EGSA Travel Grant.

The minimum requirement for this travel grant is to complete 12 hours of outreach. Once you have completed the 12 hours, Alec will send a memo email to Melissa to process the grant. The memo will CC to you so you will know it has been process. This grant will be sent to you on your UCR account - so it may not need to be used for travel. Any outreach events, including some EGSA events that can qualify as outreach, will qualify towards the 12 hours. These events include the ESA meeting and student seminar day and other recruitment-related events. If you don't accrue enough hours during the fiscal year, those hours do not roll over. It's a good idea to keep track of your 12 hours.

Some questions posed by the graduate students:

What happens to the hours accrued from previous years and haven't used them? You may still claim them, talk to Alec to make sure you have fulfilled all the requirements on the old system. From July 2010 and forward, we are on the new system for travel grant.

Is it possible this new system will have a decrease in volunteers? Since this is the first time this system is in effect, we will have to see if this works. It may encourage others to participate in outreach that didn't do it before.

Would the craft fair qualify as outreach or recruitment event? That is up for discussion.

5:30: Entomology chair, Rick Redak

Rick explained and answered questions about the new \$350 Departmental Travel Grant. Everyone gets \$350 flat for the department for travel. No minimum of meetings. No rollover. You don't have to request the maximum amount all at once. This would make filling out the travel form for GSA easier.

GSA would provide some travel funds but they interpret calculations differently.

One student suggests trying to pay for things yourself to make it easier for reimbursement. Keep all receipts.

*Approve June 2010 Meeting Minutes – Chrissy motions, Deane 2nds. All approve.

Officer Reports:

President – Elizabeth Murray

- Camping trip – 19 people went. It was a great spot!
- WBP 2010 – lots of food was served and eaten. Success!
- EGSA room in Boyden. Chris Martin has informed me that lock isn't catching as it should, so please

make sure it's securely locked.

Vice President -- Elizabeth Murray

- ESA coming up Dec. 13th. Bill Sutton has asked for registration by Friday Oct. 8th if paying through Department.

Treasurer – Genevieve Tauxe

- Annul report attached to the end of this file.

Minister of Truth -- Kim Hung

EGSA Representatives:

GSA Representatives: Ryan & Holly have volunteered to be this year's GSA reps! They meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Hub.

ISAC Representative: Wei Song Hwang
Student Seminar Day

BSGSAC Reports:

BSGSAC AAC – Jen Wright – severe shortage of TA for the winter quarter. Many things for entomology department to be proud of: website, location?

Officer Elections:

Vice President – nominations: Chrissy Mogren – Jen Wright motions, Deane seconds, All approve.

Treasurer – nominations: Genevieve Tauxe – Many people motions and seconds, All approve.

Minister of Truth – Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain – Kim motions, someone seconds, All approved.

Committees:

We'll go through each committee and take care of new and old business:

- 1) 2009-2010 chair updates us on any pertinent news and, if needed, gives a quick explanation of the responsibilities for students interested in joining committee.**
- 2) New members will be able to volunteer for the committees (3-5 people each)**

1) Computer Committee –

2010-2011, Kim Hung, Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain, Guanyang Zhang

Department Web Committee would like input:

1. Who is using R'web and what do you think about it? Have you tried to use any of their features such as making your own website or uploading your CV on the page?

2. To generate more traffic, bring the UCR Entomology website up in the ranks on search engines, and to attract potential students, we would like to encourage you to make entomology.ucr.edu your home page!

3. How do you feel if we have an EGSA facebook page or Entomology students page? Melissa or a few grad students would be admin. Twitter? How public or private would you want to make this page? Current twitter account Melissa is maintaining: **UCRentomology**

2) Craft Fair Committee–

2009 members: Chrissy (chair), Jen Wright, Deane

2010 members: Same as above?

3) Exam Committee –

2009 members: Dagne – Continuing for 2010

4) Outreach Committee – Do we want this to continue as a committee? Nope. Maybe mention the outreach coordinator under another section.

2009 members: Warren (chair), other outreach people are on the committee

5) Recruitment Committee –

2009 members: Deane Zahn (chair), Genevieve, Rochelle, Jen Wright

2010 members: Jen Wright (chair), Parry, Genevieve, Kristen

6) Seminar Committee –

2010 - 2011, Deane Zahn & Chrissy Mogren

7) Social Committee –

2009 members: Elizabeth Murray (chair), Ricky, Chrissy

2010 members: Jen Henke (chair), Rochelle, Andrew, Michael, Ian

8) Travel Grant Committee – no longer needed

2009 member: Deane Zahn

9) Merchandise Committee –

2009 members: Lily (chair), Wei Song, Adena, Genevieve, Guanyang

2010 members: Adena Why, John Hash, Lily, Genevieve, Kim Hung

10) Potential Committee: Constitution Revision Committee

The constitution we currently have ratified is from 2005 and needs to be formally updated and ratified. We will decide about the members next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) ESA Fellows Biographies (Deane) – there are 12 people in the department that are fellows and the Pac branch would like for the students at the department to write the biographies of these fellows. \$40 for a live fellow. \$50 for a deceased fellow.
- 2) Pacific Branch Meeting 2011 (Deane)
- 3) Next meeting: November 8th (2nd Monday of the month)
- 4) UCR plant sale is October 23 (12-4pm) and 24 (9-3pm)

Meeting adjourned: 6:50 pm

EGSA List of Attendees Oct 4, 2010

Ian Hudson
Jennifer Henke
Deane Zahn
Jennifer Wright
Elizabeth Murray
Wei Song Hwang
Chrissy Mogren
Adena Why
Andrew Soeprono
Ryan Neff
Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain
Michael Forthman
Ricky Lara
Lily Berniker
Aviva Goldmann
Chris Martin
Dagne Daguma
Colin Umeda
Warren Macdonald
Ranchali Ekanayake
Parry Macdonald
Kristen Hladun
Genevieve Tauxe
Holly Hills
Guanyang Zhang
J-MO
John Hash

Transactions 1 October 2009 - 30 September 2010

Social expenses	(\$757.48)
Social donations	\$596.46
Merchandise expenses	(\$1,173.82)
Merchandise income*	\$1,215.00
	<i>*not incl. merch sold at Craft Fair</i>
EGSA meeting pizzas	(\$724.11)
Reimbursement from GSA	\$345.74
Craft fair supplies:	
Food	(\$169.39)
Honey + bottling supplies	(\$620.83)
Vendor fees:	\$100.00
Merchandise + honey income	\$2,321.90
Other expenses:	
Credit union fees**	(\$26.35)
Gift for office staff	(\$25.00)
Plaques for EGSA awards	(\$68.07)
Office supplies	(\$47.94)
EGSA camping trip (2010)	(\$497.72)

**We moved our bank account this year from Bank of America. The charges indicated here are one-time set-up fees.

Balance on 1 October 2009: **\$4,242.62**

Balance on 30 September 2010: **4,711.05**

Prepared by Genevieve Tauxe

Entomology Graduate Student Association

*Approve October 2010 Meeting Minutes- Approved!

Guest: Josh Knapp- GSA Student Affairs Officer- any concerns feel free to address them to him

Officer Reports:

President – Elizabeth Murray

1. Salvation Army Christmas Baskets – Entomology is participating and will have 1-2 families, depending on size

* Adena is in charge- there will be a wrapping party as usual, please wait for her emails; gift, \$, and/or food donations would be appreciated

Vice President – Chrissy Mogren

Treasurer – Genevieve Tauxe

Total balance: \$4863.23

Activity from October:

Expenses:

\$135 pizza (will be reimbursed)

\$16.94 picnic alcohol

Income:

\$208 Pomona Insect Fair

\$41 Office sales

Altura CU is instituting a fee for inactive business accounts

Investigating switching to club account- Status update next month

Minister of Truth – Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

Representatives:

GSA Representatives: Ryan Neff and Holly Hills

Ryan is on the extension committee

Holly is on the Travel Grant Committee

News: caps have been decreased by 20%; a vote to increase caps was taken Nov 8th; results and more news to come at next meeting

ISAC Representative: Wei Song Hwang

-ISAC would like us to vote on whether to keep cash awards; if no awards then no ranking either. Do we want to keep having judges? Option: try for a year, and if we like it keep it and

if we don't go back to the old way.

1. EGSA vote on SSD judging awards, venue and food location

Vote to keep things the same: 19 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain

Vote to keep Genomics location but have snack and poster in genomics: 10 yes

Vote to keep Genomics location but have snack and poster in Entomology: 0 yes

Abstain: 8

2. Revised grad core curriculum updates

201: Cell and Molecular, 202: Organismal, Systematics, and Ecology, 203: IPM?

3. New Department Graduate Program pamphlet- Yay!

4. ENT250 seminar speakers from CSU system

Our department would like to include more speakers from the CSU system to bridge the gap between the UC's and CSU's and to promote more recruitment

5. Dept grad student website

Is being taken over by Melissa Gomez

More info to come

Expand on what we already have

GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs: Jen Wright

GSA travel grant:

-meant to be supplemental to funding from other sources (PI, department, etc.)

-more and more students are using it as their main source of funding

-possible solutions: increase registration fee by \$5 a quarter; ask chancellor for more money

EGSA outreach coordinator, fall 2010: Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

***Please pay attention to emails requesting volunteers for outreaches. These events are the only way to earn hours toward the EGSA travel grant.**

Committee Reports:

1) Computer Committee – Kim (chair), Rochelle, Guanyang

1. Toner replaced on the Brother Printer

2. Black and Color ink replaced on the Canon printer. The indicator on the computer will say the color ink is low but it's lying.

* Updates are being completed

2) Craft Fair Committee– Chrissy (chair), Jen Wright, Deane

1. discussion on EGSA purchasing a grill to be used for the Craft Fair

Cost: \$184 Vote: 18 yes, 3 abstain

3) Exam Committee – Dagne

4) Recruitment Committee – Jen Wright (chair), Genevieve, Parry, Kristen

5) Seminar Committee – Deane (chair), Chrissy

6) Social Committee – Jen Henke (chair), Rochelle, Ian, Andrew, Michael

1. Changes to EGSA socials

- we are now under the eye of risk management- alcohol on campus does not seem to

be an option at this point in time

- we will still have some socials with alcohol, however, these will be held off campus; we will also be implementing on campus socials without alcohol (ideas thus far: hot dog lunch, coffee hour, coffee and bake-off, pizza and a movie evenings)- More Ideas would be appreciated

2. Next EGSA social- Getaway Café Nov. 19th 4-7pm

7) Merchandise Committee – Kim (chair), Lily, John, Adena, Genevieve

1. Voting for T-shirt design begins Monday Nov. 8 and ends Friday Nov. 12th
- new design for sale at craft fair? Hopefully!

8) Constitution Revision Committee

1. Need 5 members- Jennifer Henke, Genevieve Tauxe, Parry MacDonald, John Hash, Ian Hudson

Task: minor updates- e.g. include ISAC, term years, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Next meeting: December 6th (finals week) (1st Monday of month due to ESA)

Adjourn: 6:01pm

Attendees:

Kim Hung

Genevieve Tauxe

Aviva Goldmann

John Hash

Chris Martin

Andrew Soeprono

Chrissy Mogren

Elizabeth Murray

Parry Macdonald

Adena Why

Holly Hills

Kimberly Stephens

Joshua Knapp

Jen Wright

Jennifer Henke

Warren Macdonald

Lily Berniker

Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

*Approve November 2010 Meeting Minutes- **Approved!**

Officer Reports:

President – Elizabeth Murray

1. EGSA can print two free banners a year through Student Life
2. Graduate Student Yoga Challenge: Dec 7, 5-6 pm in GSA room in HUB - raffles for yoga classes, mats, and iPods

Vice President – Chrissy Mogren

Treasurer – Genevieve Tauxe –**not here**

Current balance: \$3,354.88

Activity from November:

Income:

- \$122.21 GSA reimbursement for pizza
- \$23 Merch: Office sales
- \$140 Social donations

Total income: \$285.21

Expenses:

- \$112 Pizza (will be reimbursed)
- \$915.80 Merch: T-shirt order
- \$332 Social at the Getaway
- \$258.87 Craft Fair supplies
- \$237.06 Grill

Total expenses: \$1855.73

Corrections and changes from previous months:

- \$32.50 Reimbursement from camping trip
- \$29.67 Calculation error

Other notes:

Please note that the above activity does not include income from the Craft Fair. That income will be tallied in next month's report.

We now have a club account at Altura CU (instead of a business account). This account charges a \$1/mo fee instead of \$20/mo. Both fees are new; neither has yet been charged to our account.

Minister of Truth – Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

Representatives:

GSA Representatives: Ryan Neff and Holly Hills

General

- sleep workshop- next quarter
- yoga class- this week
- increases in students tuition and fees 8% this yr, 10% next yr and the yr after
- a graduate student "Bill of Rights" will be available Jan.

Bylaws changes

Previously to hold a position within GSA students had to be a full-time student
Now, students that pay the equivalent of full-time student tuition can hold a position within GSA

Travel grants

- will stay at the same level in Dec as they were in Nov
- this issue will be revisited in Jan

ISAC Representative: Wei Song Hwang

- ISAC took all of our suggests into account
- Next yr SSD- posters and food in Genomics, and awards will stay

GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs: Jen Wright

EGSA outreach coordinator, fall 2010: Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

Committee Reports:

1) Computer Committee – Kim (chair), Rochelle, Guanyang

2) Craft Fair Committee– Chrissy (chair), Jen Wright, Deane

1. Craft Fair Dec. 2: results, comments, profits

- missing \$80- if you own money (got honey, merch.) please pay Chrissy!
- \$20 charged to send emails through campus-wide list serv- would cost \$162 to reach everyone we would want too.

Deane Zahn raised some ideas

- Keep craft fair? All agreed yes, as it is our largest fund raising event- a lot of work though
- We have a lot of money in the bank- should we use it for something? what?
 - ideas: travel grant (small), nice social event for entomology grad students
 - we are incurring new costs- maybe not as much money as we think- need Treasurer here for this discussion
 - revisit this later

3) Exam Committee – Dagne

Exams still there! Yay!

4) Recruitment Committee – Jen Wright (chair), Genevieve, Parry, Kristen

5) Seminar Committee – Deane (chair), Chrissy

-Change of venue for seminar speaker lunches- Arroyo Vista Café in Alumni Assoc.- really nice!

-if you volunteer to go to lunch please indicate if you have a vehicle to drive there or are willing to walk (long walk).

6) Social Committee – Jen Henke (chair), Rochelle, Ian, Andrew, Michael

1. successful event on Nov 19 (total spent \$332; donations \$140; total spent by EGSA \$192)- 35 attendees

2. thanks to everyone for coming and to those that grabbed tables

3. next event?

-Chili cook off! – Thurs or Fri at the end of Jan. in evening, in Entm lobby

- EGSA will provide toppings, bowls, utensils, dessert, etc.

- prize for best in categories?

7) Merchandise Committee – Kim (chair), Lily, John, Adena, Genevieve

1. Volunteers for tabling at San Diego ESA needed

2. New shirts are here!- Leafcutter ant design!

spent \$915 on new stuff, made back \$526 at Craft Fair

8) Constitution Revision Committee

Discussion of constitution revisions ***Major Revisions***

1. Should graduate students of other departments be admitted as EGSA members?

2. Should the ISAC Representative be an elected position?

3. Should the Vice President have additional duties?

4. Should write-in candidates be eliminated?

5. Should EGSC remain as the sole governing body of the EGSA?

- Full draft- Feb; 2nd draft- March or April; Final- June

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Salvation Army Angels Donations due by Weds. Dec. 8th.- Donations needed! Shopping Thurs

- need volunteers to drop the gifts off at Sal Army, Fri 1pm-- Ryan and Holly

2) Wrapping presents on Friday, Dec. 10th from 11-1pm in the LCR

3) Bioquip Open House Sat., Dec. 18th from 11-5pm in Rancho Domingez-- *Free stuff!!!

4) Next meeting: January 10th ?

Adjourn: 6:15pm

Attendees

Elizabeth Murray

Chrissy Mogren

Ian Hudson

Parry Macdonald

Ryan Neff

Adena Why

Andrew Soeprono

Wei Song Hwang

Michael Forthman
John Hash
Aviva Goldmann
Kim Hung
Jennifer Henke
Deane Zahn
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Issues that the Constitution Revision Committee Would Like Addressed by the EGSA

The Constitution Revision Committee (hereafter, the CRC) feels that there are many points that need attention in both the current constitution and the previously revised version presented in 2007. While the members are competent in handling many of these issues, there are several changes that the CRC feel would drastically change the membership of the EGSA or the procedures by which it operates. As such, the CRC seeks input from the membership of the EGSA on the following topics.

1. Should graduate students of other departments be admitted as EGSA members?

Our department includes graduate students who are seeking degrees in other programs but who are advised by members of the Entomology faculty. While these students are currently invited to participate in our events, they are not members of our organization (according to the present constitution). Should we formally recognize these students as full members, as associate members, or as non-members?

Concerns: Recognizing these students as members may dilute the entomological focus of our organization. The CRC has included the option of having these interdisciplinary students recognized as associate members if this is a concern of the EGSA membership.

CRC Position: Interdisciplinary students add different insights into our organization. We believe that those students who wish to be involved should be recognized as members, whether the EGSA feels that is at full or associate membership.

Options discussed:

- students of entomology faculty member become full members, associate members or no membership
- do interdisciplinary students receive the EGSA travel grant? as far as we know, if they do the outreach hours req. they do

Vote:

Membership? 22 yes, 0 no

Full membership? 13

Assoc membership? 6

Abstain- 3

2. Should the ISAC Representative be an elected position?

The officers and GSA Representatives are elected positions within the EGSA. The Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (ISAC) Representative is the only position that is currently appointed. The President also appoints other representatives to serve on departmental committees, such as the Website Committee, the Entomology Research Museum Committee, and the Department Displays and Outreach Committee. Prior to the 2007 draft, some students felt that the position of the ISAC Representative was too important to leave the decision to solely the newly elected President (with advice from the outgoing Entomology Graduate Student Council (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Minister of Truth)). The 2007 draft holds that the ISAC Representative would become an elected position, with elections occurring simultaneously with or shortly after the elections for President in May each year.

Concerns: The ISAC Representative and the President work closely together through much of the year, particularly leading up to Student Seminar Day. Having the ISAC Representative be an appointed position ensures that the President knows that s/he and the ISAC Representative can work well together.

CRC Position: The CRC has not taken a position on this topic.

Options discussed:

- **appointed position; elected with other officers (JUN); nominated by president confirmed with vote by EGSA**

Concerns:

- **president and ISAC rep work closely together for SSD and major issues- must work well together**

- **difficult to find willing participants- would an election even work?**

* **more discussion needed- tabled until Jan**

* **send ideas or concerns to Jennifer Henke**

3. **Should the Vice President have additional duties?**

The current role of the Vice President of the EGSA is to substitute for the President in his absence. To alleviate some of the multiple duties of the President and to make the role of Vice President more substantive, additional duties would be added to the description.

Concerns: Fewer students may be interested in serving as Vice President. First year students may be eliminated from serving as they are less likely to be familiar with the Entomological Society of America or with other professional organizations.

CRC Position: The CRC proposes to add the following duties to the role of Vice President:

1. To ensure that representatives to professional organizations and committees outside of the University of California and the EGSA are filled (e.g., positions within the Entomological Society of America). * **Contact person to fill ESA positions**
2. To maintain an active list of deadlines for abstracts and conference dates of professional organizations that may be of interest to members of EGSA. The Vice President will seek recommendations of organizations from the members of EGSA.

Vote: Appropriate roles?

Yes- 19; No- 0, Abstain- 2

4. **Should write-in candidates be eliminated?**

The current constitution and the revised constitution impose term limits on officers. The CRC believes that these term limits should promote diversity of students serving in its positions. These term limits may be bypassed if the incumbent is unopposed in the next election. If a student is written-in as a candidate against an incumbent, then the write-in candidate becomes the officer. The CRC believes that this presents a potential loophole that could be harmful to the EGSA should a student choose to exploit it in the future.

If incumbent has held 2 terms, write-ins get position automatically

Concerns: The elimination of write-in candidates may prevent some students from becoming an officer. The CRC believes that our proposed process below will keep students who truly want to serve the organization involved while keeping out only those that are less than excited about serving.

CRC Position: The CRC proposes that all nominations for all positions be presented to a member of the Entomology Graduate Student Council (the four officers) no later than 3 business days prior to the election. The EGSC will make the nominations public no later than 1 business day prior to the election. No write-in candidates will be allowed.

Vote: Yes- 20; No- 0, Abstain- 1

5. **Should EGSC remain as the sole governing body of the EGSA?**

Both the current constitution and the revised draft hold that the Entomology Graduate Student Council (comprised of the four elected officers (the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Minister of Truth)) may make all decisions regarding the affairs of EGSA without consultation of the membership. While the EGSC has typically followed the advice of the EGSA membership by discussing issues at EGSA meetings, this is not required of the officers. The CRC seeks to change this position.

Concerns: The membership of EGSA should be electing competent students into its EGSC. The EGSC, ideally, has the best interest of the EGSA in mind in its actions.

CRC Position: The CRC proposes that the actions of the EGSA be held to a simple majority vote of the membership present at any meeting of the EGSA (as called by the President in the current constitution). For elections, amendments, and approval of the annual budget, decisions will be made by a majority of votes if and only if a quorum (50% + 1) of the membership votes. In issues that are deemed to be of immediate importance (to be further defined by the membership), the EGSC may act in the best interest of the membership with the minutes of any such meeting to be made public to the EGSA membership at the next EGSA meeting **and make them aware of meeting.**

Vote: Yes- 21; No- 0

Will result in 2-3 votes per year

*Approve December 2010 Meeting Minutes

Officer Reports:

• *President* – Elizabeth Murray

1. Thanks to Adena for organizing the Salvation Army Angels Project
2. FERM (Friends of the Entomology Research Museum) meeting Saturday, January 29.
6:00 potluck, 7:00 presentation in LCR
speaker: Brian Brown, LACM; title: "Off with their heads: A new type of decapitation in the Phoridae (Diptera) and other novelties from recent research"
followed by an Auction
All welcome! Please come!

Pac Branch meeting in Hawaii- March 27th-30th

- Apply to GSA in Feb
- Please consider presenting at the Grad Student Symposium- contact Deane Zahn for more info.
- Abstracts due Jan 31st

Linnaean games team meeting- Wed Jan 12th 4:00pm—Please come and join in the fun!

• *Vice President* – Chrissy Mogren

• *Treasurer* – Genevieve Tauxe

Total balance: \$5389.42

Activity from December:

Income:

- \$2557.60 Craft Fair sales & vendor fees
- \$325 ESA meeting sales
- \$49 Office merch sales

Total income: \$2931.60

Expenses:

- \$616.40 Craft Fair supplies
- \$115 EGSA meeting pizza
- \$1.44 Supplies and fees

Total expenses: \$732.84

If you need money for something EGSA related just ask!

- *Minister of Truth* – Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

Representatives:

GSA Representatives: Ryan Neff and Holly Hills

Travel grants

- caps are staying
 - \$384 International, \$320 N. America, \$256 US, \$192 Southwest
 - \$72,000 asked for for next year (will be used to pay for GSA positions, and the money used for those positions will be go toward more travel grants)

Email surveys

- There will be an incentive
- One for Bill of Rights, and one for GSHIP

Parking fees will be increasing by 20% in the next 3 years

ISAC Representative: Wei Song Hwang

- **Our department will be trying to get 10-11 new grad students next year**
- **there has been a 30% budget cut and the number of GSRs and TAs have been cut**

GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs: Jen Wright

- **GSA is likely to run out of money by the end of the year (so don't count on getting travel grants toward the end of the year)**

EGSA outreach coordinator, fall 2010: Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

- **Two outreaches coming up at the end of this month- look as for email solicitations for volunteers.**
- **Next month will be packed with opportunities to volunteer**
- **Maiara will be the outreach coordinator starting next month**

Committee Reports:

1) Computer Committee – Kim (chair), Rochelle, Guanyang

1. Updated/uploaded officer pictures.
2. Please let her know if you have problems with the computers in the Boyden student computer lab

2) Craft Fair Committee– Chrissy (chair), Jen Wright, Deane

3) Exam Committee – Dagne

4) Recruitment Committee – Jen Wright (chair), Genevieve, Parry, Kristen

5) Seminar Committee – Deane (chair), Chrissy

- there is limited funds for speakers from long distances
- there will also be a limited number of speakers in the spring as people will be coming for

interviews for the Urban Entomology Extension professor position.

6) Social Committee – Jen Henke (chair), Rochelle, Ian, Andrew, Michael

1. Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Thursday, January 27 from 4 until 7 in the Entomology Lobby. Judging will begin at 4:30. Cash prizes (\$25 each) will be awarded for the best dishes in the following categories: beef chili, non-beef chili, vegetarian chili, sides (cornbread, rolls, etc.), and dessert. We will be seeking volunteers to help set up and clean up. **sign-up by Jan 21st; rules for this event can be found in the departmental email sent out on this week.**
2. Jen cleaned the storage area of EGSA. The Social Committee would like to buy one more large container to store the serving dishes and one to store the plates. Please help us keep the area neat.

Genevieve is donating some totes that may work.

7) Merchandise Committee – Kim (chair), Lily, John, Adena, Genevieve

1. ESA meeting sold \$325 in merchandise this year! (last year \$132)
2. Please remember to note on the sheet which items were sold when you sell merchandise! Thanks!

8) Constitution Revision Committee

1. Discussion of constitution revisions (continued). Parry will update us on progress.
- **will be meeting weekly until the next EGSA meeting**
- some changes already made:**
- **Computer committee to Technology committee**
 - **ISAC will remain an appointed position (appointed by the President in the Spring)**
 - **GSA reps will be appointed in the Fall- selected by EGSA meeting attendees**
 - **Interdisciplinary students will be invited to be members of EGSA**
 - **Major elections, budget changes, etc. will be decided by a corum**
 - **2/5 membership + 1**
 - **50% + 1**
 - **Bring up any issues to any of the committee members (just send them an email)**
 - **A preliminary draft available for comments will be ready by Feb.**
 - **A Final draft will hopefully be available by April**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next meeting: Feb 7

Adjourn: 5:45pm

Attendees:

Dagne Dugme
Kim Hung
John Hash
Ryan Neff
Andrew Soeprano
Ian Hudson

Parry Macdonald
Adena Why
Chrissy Mogren
Elizabeth Murray
Jennifer Wright
Deane Zahn
Genevieve Tauxe
Wei Song
Holly Hills
Michael Forthman
Kimberly Stephens
Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

*Approve January 2011 Meeting Minutes- **Approved!**

Officer Reports:

• *President* – Elizabeth Murray

1. Homecoming Week: Feb 22-26; basketball game and HEAT music festival Sat 26th
(Free Tickets)
2. **Tons** of new insect fabric from Millie Garrison, we can use to make something for displays. **If you have ideas let us know.**
3. We received thank-you letter from Salvation Army. **If you made a sizable donation, there are receipts for you to claim it on your taxes. Ask Elizabeth if you want one.**
 - a. **We received a lot of donations this year. Maybe too many for 2 families? Take on another family? Take on individual children?**

• *Vice President* – Chrissy Mogren

Packers Won!

• *Treasurer* – Genevieve Tauxe- **not much money spent. still have lots.**

Treasury report

Total balance: \$5259.46

Activity from January:

Income:

- \$8.00 Craft Fair sales (late payment)
- \$75.00 Office merch sales
- \$103.50 Reimbursement from GSA

Total income: \$186.50

Expenses:

- \$230.46 Chili cook-off
- \$85 EGSA meeting pizza
- \$1 Bank fees

Total expenses: \$316.46

• *Minister of Truth* – Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

Representatives:

GSA Representatives: Ryan Neff and Holly Hills

- **New Travel grant coordinator**
- **Grad Bash- Last week- many EGSA members did not receive emails**
- **UCR may be switching insurance providers—but not any time soon**
- **Psychology email survey—What do we (grad students) want?**
- **Jen Wright's job is opening up next year—(\$325 per month)—must run for this position—ask Jen for more details**
- **Letter writing campaign-- writing letters Congress about the budget**
- **Union pushing their insurance—but it is NOT as good as the insurance we already have; costs more**
- **We (grad students) are saying NO! to a UC wide insurance- we are opting out**

ISAC Representative: Wei Song Hwang

1) updates from ISAC about GSR / TAs / Recruitment

- **Planning on recruiting 9 new grad students**
- **GSRs—still not sure if there will be a decrease—waiting for news—but if you were guaranteed a GSR until 2012 then you will still be receiving it**
- **If GSRs are cut then more TAs will hopefully be made available**
- **TAs are available for the Bio5 series**

GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs: Jen Wright

EGSA outreach coordinator, winter 2011: Maiara

- **Open House for CNAS undergrads—March 5th**

Committee Reports:

1) **Computer Committee – Kim (chair), Rochelle, Guanyang**

- **Group picture taken—will be posted soon**
- **email Kim if you have any issues with the computers or printers in the Boyden student computer lab**

2) **Craft Fair Committee– Chrissy (chair), Jen Wright, Deane**

3) **Exam Committee – Dagne**

4) **Recruitment Committee – Jen Wright (chair), Genevieve, Parry, Kristen**

- **real recruitment process will be starting soon**

-5) **Seminar Committee – Deane (chair), Chrissy**

- **Job candidate search and interviews will be taking the place of regular speakers**
- **student invited speakers may not be coming—if Boyce speaker responds in a timely fashion—maybe have more next year?**

6) **Social Committee – Jen Henke (chair), Rochelle, Ian, Andrew, Michael**

1. Thanks for everyone's help at the Chili Cook-off! Next event: TBA

**7) Merchandise Committee – Kim (chair), Lily, John, Adena, Genevieve
- New mug design!—with goliath beetle and factoids**

8) Constitution Revision Committee—Parry, John, Genevieve, Jen Henke

1. Presentation of a summary of the changes.-- **draft of revised Constitution posted on EGSA website**

2. Written comments to any committee member by Feb. 22.-- **much appreciated**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next meeting: March 8

Adjourn: 6:00pm

Sign-in

John Hash

Micheal Forthman

Kimberly Stephens

Maiara Severo

Ryan Neff

Andrew Soeprano

Parry Macdonald

Holly Hills

Wei Song Hwang

Chrissy Mogren

Elizabeth Murray

Jen Wright

Deane Zahn

Jennifer Henke

Kim Hung

Genevieve Tauxe

Dagne Duguma

Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

Begin: 5:15pm

*Approve February 2011 Meeting Minutes- Approved!

Officer Reports:

- *President* – Elizabeth Murray
-camp site options - Sweeny Reserve- 3 hrs drive- research site
- Palomar Mtns- >2 hrs drive

- *Vice President* – Chrissy Mogren

- *Treasurer* – Genevieve Tauxe

Treasury report

Total balance: \$4865.81

Activity from February:

Income:

None

Expenses:

\$300.65 New mugs

\$92 EGSA meeting pizza

\$1 Bank fees

Total expenses: \$393.65

- *Minister of Truth* – Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

Representatives:

GSA Representatives: Ryan Neff and Holly Hills

GSHIP-switch to UC system wide (opinion of majority- worse than what we already have and costs more)- Vote! –gsa.ucr.edu- info and comparisons of plans on gsa website

Travel grants- funding cut in ½

-not sure how this will be handled (less grants awarded? less funding (lower caps))

-we (grad students) can help- vote on referendum to increase our fees by \$5 that will go directly to travel- show we are willing to take responsibility too- **Vote in the Spring**- need 20% of the graduate student population

Barn Bash- April 14th

GSA List serv- if you are not receiving emails from gsa you may not be on their listserv; sign-up on the gsa website (gsa.ucr.edu)

ISAC Representative: Wei Song Hwang

New students- the department has accepted 17- hoping for 9 to accept the offer- 1 has already rejected offer (lost student because they wanted a master's and only Ph.D. students get funding)- not sure how many will be accepted into labs

Entomology grad program up for review- next Spring (happens every 10 yrs)- student will be interviewed of their likes and dislikes of the program

UC wide budget- brought to state counsel- \$1 billion cut- write congress of importance of higher education

Nancy Beckage retiring

GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs: Jen Wright

UC wide GSHIP- \$200 deductible, \$15 office visit, increased cost of perscriptions, 90% coverage- will save the school a lot of money(\$400,000)- none of this money will go back to GSA

***Dallas Rabenstein** (Provost and Exec. Vice Chancellor) will be choosing very soon (this week or next week?)- we will not have a choice- email campaign to tell him our opinion?!

EGSA outreach coordinator, winter 2011: Maiara Severo

Committee Reports:

1) Computer Committee – Kim (chair), Rochelle, Guanyang

- everything running smoothly in computer lab

2) Craft Fair Committee– Chrissy (chair), Jen Wright, Deane

3) Exam Committee – Dagne- EXAMS ARE STILL THERE!

4) Recruitment Committee – Jen Wright (chair), Genevieve, Parry, Kristen

5) Seminar Committee – Deane (chair), Chrissy

6) Social Committee – Jen Henke (chair), Rochelle, Ian, Andrew, Michael

1. Coffee and Cookie Hour - March 10, 1-3, entomology lobby

2. Movie and Dinner Night - April 7, location TBD- Friday April 9th

3. Traditional Social - spring quarter - give ideas to Ian Hudson- most likely off campus

7) Merchandise Committee – Kim (chair), Lily, John, Adena, Genevieve

New mugs are here! \$5 (\$2 discount if you're a student)

8) Constitution Revision Committee

1. final draft of the constitution revisions prepared
2. online poll- PLEASE vote!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next meeting: April 11

Adjourn 5:48pm

Attendees

Dagne Duguma

Kim Hung

John Hash

Ryan Neff

Ian Hudson

Parry MacDonald

Genevieve Tauxe

Holly Hills

Chrissy Mogren

Elizabeth Murray

Jen Wright

Deane Zahn

Jennifer Henke

Wei Song Hwang

Maiara Severo

Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

*Approve March 2011 Meeting Minutes- **Approved!**

guest: Mr. Brian Moore, Riverside Pick Group- Group for Young Professionals (ages 21-35)

- Networking- Locally
- Businesses, Politics, Non-profits
- Invited to join events- 3rd year anniversary celebration, L-3 lunches (lunch with leaders), etc.
- Good platform for starting events and community involvement, etc
- Info, events, start businesses

Officer Reports:

- *President* – Elizabeth Murray
 1. Camping trip September 16-18, PALOMAR MOUNTAIN SP, Cedar Grove Group Camp ~ 1 hr 45 minutes away
 2. Nominations for faculty and staff awards due by April 25
 - a. Please nominate someone you think has displayed outstanding service to the Grad students in our department
 - b. Online poll after nominations
 3. EGSA elections for president (only) coming up at end of May; more discussion at next meeting, but please start considering nomination of yourself or another
 - a. Nominations can be sent to any of the members of the EGSC
 - b. Online poll in May
 4. Discussion of graduate student participation / role in candidate searches; we'll get an update from Jen Wright
 - a. meet w/ candidate Tues after seminar 1:30-2pm
 - b. April 20th at 5pm- opinions of candidates in large conf room- email is ok too
 - c. suggestions of other ways the grad students in the department could be included in the selection process

- *Vice President* – Chrissy Mogren

- *Treasurer* – Genevieve Tauxe

Treasury report

Total balance: \$4989.11

Activity from March:

Income:

\$252 Merch (Discovery Day, Insectival, Urban Pest Conference, mug sales)
\$35 Donations

Total income: \$287

Expenses:

\$87.70 Social expenses (Coffee hour)

\$75 EGSA meeting pizza

\$1 Bank fees

Total expenses: \$163.70

- *Minister of Truth* – Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain
 - The EGSC held a meeting March 18th to approve the new constitution

Representatives:

GSA Representatives: Ryan Neff and Holly Hills

- Emergency meeting last month counted as this month's meeting- one not held this month
- Majority vote against joining the system-wide health plan
- Grad Bash Thrus April 14th
- Wine and Art at the Barn April 15th

ISAC Representative: Wei Song Hwang

- 1) Response to EGSA concern- Beckage replacement
 - no answer yet- will be discussed in June or July
- 2) Graduate student applications
 - 1 applicant accepted so far, 2 waiting for reply, 5 accepted based on criteria but not signed for by faculty
- 3) Graduate Student Scholarship Applications: (specific for Entomology)—Apply!
 - most are extra cash for you (with the exception of the Moore scholarship and Harry Scott Smith scholarship
 - Shorey Scholarship (Pheromones)
 - Anderson (Immature Insects)
 - Moore Scholarship (Marine/Aquatic insects)
 - Harry Scott Smith (Biological Control) – for travel or workshops
- 4) Designated Emphasis Option
- 5) ISAC Meeting time Spring Qtr:
 - April 27, May 18, June 1

GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs: Jen Wright

- the higher ups said no to our demands
- Next year we will by switching to system-wide Anthem Blue Cross health care

- free to visit the health center, \$200 to visit a specialist
 - more mental health providers in Riverside to accept this plan

EGSA outreach coordinator, spring 2011: Maiara Severo

Committee Reports:

1) Computer Committee – Kim (chair), Rochelle, Guanyang

- New printer/scanner/fax donated by Alec Gerry for the computer lab. Installed and good to go. Good to use as a back up printer if the primary printer fails.
- New toner was installed in March and more paper was added.

2) Craft Fair Committee– Chrissy (chair), Jen Wright, Deane

3) Exam Committee – Dagne

4) Recruitment Committee – Jen Wright (chair), Genevieve, Parry, Kristen

5) Seminar Committee – Deane (chair), Chrissy

6) Social Committee – Jen Henke (chair), Rochelle, Ian, Andrew, Michael

- Coffee social was a success
- Movie night was a success
- Social for next month in the works
- Jen is stepping down as social chair- replacement still uncertain

7) Merchandise Committee – Kim (chair), Lily, John, Adena, Genevieve

Past sales events:

Discover days/Insectival: \$78 + \$10 FERM

Urban Pest Management Conference: \$127 + \$5 FERM

Spring Plant Sale: \$113 + \$20 FERM

These numbers were based on the tallies from the sales and do not necessarily match the Treasurer's cash count.

I would like to reiterate: PLEASE **PLEASE PLEASE MARK**
DOWN ALL MERCHANDISE
SALES! (with cherries on top)

This makes my life and committee's life easier when inventorying the merchandise.

8) Constitution Revision Committee -- Jen Henke (chair), John, Ian, Genevieve, Parry
*needs to be reapproved in 3 yrs

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Saturday inter-departmental sports tourney???
- email John Hash (john.hash@email.ucr.edu) if interest or you if you have suggestions of logistics or if you have a certain game you would like to play.
2. Next meeting: May 9; Chrissy will be in charge of running meeting

Designated Emphasis Option - **Cross disciplinary**

* **different from specialization**

* **Useful? ISAC not keen- want set options- revise inside minor, outside minor**

The Graduate Council has approved the Designated Emphasis as an optional program of study for graduate students wishing to pursue supplementary work in a related field, and has approved two new "D.E.s": the Designated Emphasis in "Middle East and Islamic Studies" and the Designated Emphasis in "Book, Archive, and Manuscript Studies." Analogous in many ways to an undergraduate minor, the Designated Emphasis is a specialization that might include a new method of inquiry or an important field of application related to two or more existing Ph.D. programs. In many instances, completion of a designated emphasis may make a graduate student more attractive as a job candidate in an increasingly competitive market.

The Designated Emphasis is awarded in conjunction with the Ph.D. degree and is signified by a transcript designation; for example, "Ph.D. in English with a Designated Emphasis in Medieval Studies" or "Ph.D. in Biology with a Designated Emphasis in Vector-borne Diseases."

For those who may be interested in proposing a Designated Emphasis, please contact the Graduate Division by phone at 24302 or by email at amanda.wong@ucr.edu. We will be pleased to assist you in constructing your proposal.

Designated Emphases comprise 12-16 additional units, where 4 of those units reflect a significant research product, whether a paper or poster. Designated Emphases are run by faculty groups consisting of at least one member from each of the cooperating Ph.D. programs. **Proposals for Designated Emphases must be submitted to the Graduate Council and Graduate Dean for approval.**

For a D.E. proposal:

1. Must have a specified number of units (no less than 12) to be taken in at least two departments/programs. All courses must be at the graduate level or require graduate level work (both quantity and quality) from the student.
2. Must specify the research requirement for the D.E. The D.E. program committee is responsible for approving the completion of this requirement.
3. Courses used for the D.E. MAY NOT also be counted toward the MA/MS or Ph.D. requirements. They must be IN ADDITION.
4. ALL D.E.s must have a committee that oversees the curriculum.
5. No DE should request extra resources in order to meet its obligation; this includes extra funding for Graduate Students because of increased time to degree or FTE in order to meet the teaching requirements.
6. The deadline for completion for the D.E. must be established in the proposal and may not be modified without Graduate Council approval. Although proposals may delineate a shorter deadline, the maximum time to D.E. that may be proposed is one calendar year from the quarter in which the candidate advances to candidacy.
7. An overall GPA of at least 3.0 must be obtained in the courses required for the D.E.

Sign-up

Kim Hung
Jennifer Henke
Deane Zahn
Jen Wright
Elizabeth Murray
Chrissy Mogren
Panchali Ekanayake
Holly Hills
Andrew Soeprono
Wei Song Hwang
Genevieve Tauxe
John Hash
Ian Hudson
Kimberly Stephens
Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

*Approve April 2011 Meeting Minutes

Officer Reports:

- *President* – Elizabeth “Miss you guys” Murray
 1. Faculty and Staff Awards voting went well and no complaints! We had 21 / 52 people vote (of both entomology & interdisciplinary students)- **will be presented at next social**
 2. EGSA elections for president; please consider nomination of yourself or another
 - a. **give nominations to anyone on EGSA**; we can keep them anonymous
 - b. nominations must be received by May 25th
 - c. I’ll contact nominees: those who accept nomination will be included on ballot
 - d. Online elections (tentatively) June 1st; we’ll probably use SurveyMonkey again
 3. Update from Andrew on how grad participation in candidate search is going. How many people do we get during our hour meeting period?
 - would be nice to have more, but if you can’t make it please email opinions to Andrew Soeprono (andrew.soeprono@email.ucr.edu)
 - our opinions of the candidates matter, please share yours with Andrew

- *Vice President* – Chrissy Mogren
 1. GSA Travel Grants

- *Treasurer* – Genevieve Tauxe

Treasury report

Total balance: \$4680.24

Activity from April:

Income:

\$261 Merch (Plant sale, office sales, etc)

\$17.08 Social donations

Total income: \$243.08

Expenses:

\$75 EGSA meeting pizza

\$298 Camping site reservation

\$189.74 Supplies for Movie Night Social

\$23.21 Pastries for Admin Professional Day

\$1 Bank fee

Total expenses: \$586.95

****Budget for 2011-2012**

Please address any concerns to Genevieve Tauxe (genevieve.tauxe@email.ucr.edu)

	'08-'09	'09-'10	'10-'11 (thus far)	'11-'12
Socials				
Expenses	(628.21)	(757.48)	(950.73)	(1000)
Donations	334.70	596.46	180.08	150
Merch				
Expenses	(4782.79)	(1173.82)	(1216.45)	(2000) = new shirts, restocking, totes, polos
Sales (not incl CF)	3147	1215	1199	1700 = existing events + fall plant sale, socials
Craft Fair				
Expenses	(109.05)	(370.22) incl 200.80 bottling supplies	(335.27)	(700) = 200 food etc, 200 for fall honey, 100 for spring honey
Honey money	(612)	(420)	(540)	(850) = 600 fall honey, 250 spring honey
Proceeds	1952.80	2421.90	2565.60	2500 + 800 spring honey
Other				
EGSA mtng pizza	(817)	(724.11)	(689)	(800)
GSA reimbursement	300	345.74	300	300
Camping trip	(186)	(497.72)	(298)	(350) incl parking & some supplies
Bank fees	0	(26.35)	(4)	(12)
Gifts	0	(25)	(23.21)	Council discretionary budget: (150)
EGSA awards	0	(68.07)		
Office supplies	(6.35)	(47.94)	(0.44)	
Grill			(237.06)	
Donations			12	
Total				Projected:
Income	5734.50	4579.20	4182.39	5450
Expenses	(7195.40)	(4110.71)	(4130.95)	(5862)

- *Minister of Truth* – Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

Representatives:

GSA Representatives: Ryan Neff and Holly Hills

- Reminder: UCR will be switching to the UC-wide health plan
- There will be a lot less money available for Travel Grants next year

ISAC Representative: Wei Song Hwang

- no new updates
- 6 offers have been sent to prospective students- waiting for replies

GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs: Jen Wright

EGSA outreach coordinator, spring 2011: Maiara Severo

- **There will be a large outreach at the end of May, and we will be in need of many volunteers- please consider volunteering**
- **Reminder: You need 12 hours outreach volunteer hours to receive \$200.**

Committee Reports:

1) Computer Committee – Kim (chair), Rochelle, Guanyang

2) Craft Fair Committee– Chrissy (chair), Jen Wright, Deane

3) Exam Committee – Dagne

- Folder with Maiara

4) Recruitment Committee – Jen Wright (chair), Genevieve, Parry, Kristen

- Student visits went well; 1 student has accepted our offer

5) Seminar Committee – Deane (chair), Chrissy

- this position needs to be filled before the summer (Deane will be leaving)
- meeting to discuss the Fall schedule will take place during the summer

6) Social Committee – Jen Henke (chair), Rochelle, Ian, Andrew, Michael

1. June Social- June 17th or 24th- location TBD- still in planning stage
2. Fundraising

- If you appreciate the socials please consider throwing a few dollars in the donation bucket

3. Summer trip to Big Bear - Talk to Andrew Soeprono if interested
4. New co-chairs- Ian and Michael

7) Merchandise Committee – Kim (chair), Lily, John, Adena, Genevieve

- New and exciting things coming this Fall

NEW BUSINESS:

1. next meeting: June 6 (finals week!)

FYI: Shakespeare Festival at the Redland's Bowl the rest of this month

Adjourn: 5:43pm

Attendees:

Deane Zahn

Jennifer Henke

Jen Wright

Aviva Goldmann

Chrissy Mogren

Kim Hung

Genevieve Tauxe

Ian Hudson

Andrew Soeprono

Ryan Neff

Holly Hills

Panchali Ekanayake

Wei Song Hwang

Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

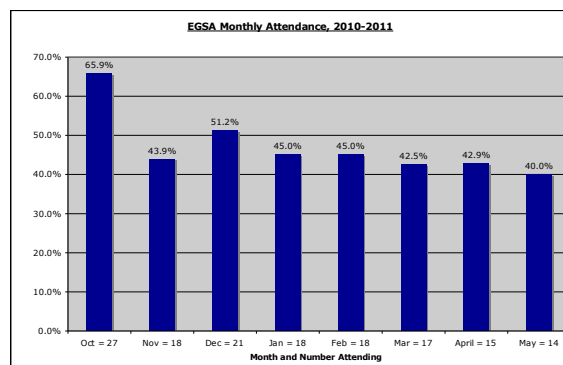
*Approve May 2011 Meeting Minutes- Approved!!!

Officer Reports:

• *President* – Elizabeth Murray

1. Last meeting of the year - thanks for all the enthusiasm and participation!
2. Faculty (Brad Mullens) & staff award (Melissa Gomez) to be presented at June social
3. 2011-2012 President and Budget announcement
 - a. only the 35 EGSA members (entomology) allowed to vote; interdisciplinary students must submit name to Rochelle to become recognized members
 - b. First Vote
 - i. 23 students voted; Genevieve and Andrew top vote getters
 - c. run-off vote for president, June 5-6
 - i. 24 students voted
 - ii. Genevieve Tauxe is our new President!!! Congratulations Genevieve!
 - d. 2011-2012 budget passed 19-4, (on June 3)
 - i. comments against passing budget include:
 1. Expenditure much higher than expected income. Expenditure should be cut down to at least break even or make it profitable.
 2. EGSA needs to close the gap between income and expenses a little more.
 3. EGSA can't do deficit spending, so there seems little point in approving a budget where expenditures are greater than income. Perhaps we can look into stream-lining the merchandise so that expenditures are not so high? Maybe get cheaper pizza?
 4. Even though we have a surplus now, I don't think it is responsible to approve a budget that has a near \$700 deficit. We should always aim for a balanced budget and not rely on conservative revenue estimates to potentially close the gap.

4. Record of Attendance:



• *Vice President* – Chrissy Mogren

- Bottling honey in the spring may be a possibility- we will discuss further next year

• *Treasurer* – Genevieve Tauxe

- ideas of ways to make more money are encouraged

Treasurer's Report:

Total balance: \$4658.68

Activity from May:

Income:

\$57 Merch (office sales)

\$74.29 GSA reimbursement for pizza

Total income: \$131.29

Expenses:

\$75 EGSA meeting pizza

\$40 Faculty & staff awards

\$35.85 Boxes for social supplies

\$1 Bank fee

Total expenses: \$151.85

- *Minister of Truth* – Rochelle Hoey-Chamberlain

Representatives:

GSA Representatives: Ryan Neff and Holly Hills

- A Rep will be coming to explain the new GSHIP
- Caps will be lower on travel grants starting in July

ISAC Representative: Wei Song Hwang

1. Graduate student admissions- we have 7 new students coming next year
2. GPA requirement for Graduate Division Fellowship revised
 - Now 3.0
 - Why?- Complaints from other departments that 3.5 is too difficult to attain
 - However, now there is no warning if you fall below 3.0 then you automatically lose fellowship
3. Student Seminar Day 15th Sep
 - Reminder: As requested by many, the poster session along with snacks & drinks will be in the lobby outside the meeting room
4. Signing student committee forms- New rules
 - If a professor that a signature is needed from is gone, you can email the professor about the situation and they can approve someone else in the department (another professor) to sign on their behalf.
5. TAship
 - There has been discussion that the department may not back fill TAships that are less than 49%
 - However, this may not be possible as the TA union will not allow TAs to have more than 1 TA appointment per quarter.

GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs: Jen Wright

- The new GSHIP doesn't seem so bad after all

- We will now have dental from Delta Dental
- A hardship fund has been established for those who exceed the max treatments

EGSA outreach coordinator, spring 2011: Maiara Severo

Committee Reports:

1) Computer Committee – Kim (chair), Rochelle, Guanyang

2) Craft Fair Committee– Chrissy (chair), Jen Wright, Deane

- We will begin discussion in the Fall

3) Exam Committee – Dagne

- Dagne will be stepping down in the Fall- we will need a replacement then
- Maiara has the folder

4) Recruitment Committee – Jen Wright (chair), Genevieve, Parry, Kristen

5) Seminar Committee – Deane (chair), Chrissy

- Meeting for the planning of next year’s seminar schedule will begin this summer
- Chrissy will be the new chair

6) Social Committee – Ian, Michael (co-chairs), Jen Henke, Rochelle, Andrew

1. Final Social Thurs June 23 at Mike Adams’ house

- will be held slightly later than usual socials, and Thurs is good with everyone
 - there will be black-lighting and possibly live music

2. Big Bear trip, early-mid August (5th-7th)-

- Andrew has graciously offered to host a weekend at his family’s large house by Big Bear Lake near a brewery
- BYOB
- more details to come

7) Merchandise Committee – Kim (chair), Lily, John, Adena, Genevieve

- new items to come, keep a look out

NEW BUSINESS:

1. next meeting: fall 2011!

Adjourn: 6:00pm

Attendees

Deane Zahn
 Ricky Lara
 Kim Hung
 Kimberly Stephens
 Michael Forthman
 Ian Hudson

Andrew Soeprono
Parry Macdonald
Wei Song Hwang
Genevieve Tauxe
Holly Hills
Aviva Goldmann
Chrissy Mogren
Elizabeth Murray
Jen Wright
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