

EGSA Meeting Minutes
October 4th, 2010
4:15 PM, CEL Conference Room

In attendance:

Tom Bentley	Beth Irwin
Tim Ciarlo	Jessica Richards
Justin George	Dan Schmehl
Ian Grettenberger	Sheena Sidhu
Christy Harris	Jason Smith
Becky Heinig	Salil Siriwat
Holly Holt	Gabe Villar

Committee Reports:

Great Insect Fair. Another successful year, well done! Besides traditional merchandise (T-shirt, bookmarks, and mugs) this year we have insect cages, completely sold out, and insect key chains from Thailand. Here are the figures from Holly:

Merchandise table: \$3,425.50

Candle making: \$1,019.85

Profits: \$1,170.35

Thank you merchandise organizers, Holly & Salil, and candle making organizer, Dan.

We are selling post-GIF merchandise at student prices. Click the link below to see them.

https://docs.google.com/document/edit?id=1acS6GTdUIVsg5_UVYIOQfH0hcL29yVfKpoDVfaBnBs&hl=en&authkey=CJ2r2NEK

Let one of the officers know which ones you want to purchase.

Department Seminar. So far we have 2 new nominations and 3 from last year. Student hosting the seminar will have the opportunity to have dinner with the speaker, arrange the speaker's travel, and coordinate hotel arrangements with LuAnn. So if you're interested in a particular researcher's work, nominate! Please see email sent by Beth for more details.

Insect Collection Requirement. The curriculum committee will discuss this in their next meeting. So, we need to know what we want. Recruitment committee would also like the faculty to settle this before recruitment weekend in Feb. Voted that this should be required for Entomology program

Jason: Should it be a stand alone credit or an add-on to Natural History?

Ian: Needs family level taxonomy.

Dan: Doesn't need to be taught by systematist and should be offered in the Fall.

Voted that it should be a credit course.

Dan: Natural History alone doesn't give much guidance for keying into family level but is a good collection starting point.

Becky: Should have 1 year to collect so we will be familiar with collecting sites.

What we need: A class to help learn how to ID insects to family level.

Suggestions: a.) Lab + lecture + collecting trip with TA

b.) Lab + collecting trip with TA

Lecture can ask selected professors to teach once a week may include extension personnel. We have made a list of selected professors to teach which order.

Lab should be held at the headhouse; supervised with guidance in using microscopes and keys. Meet probably 1 hour per week. This would make it a 1 credit lab.

Jason will be compiling all possible suggestions, and the faculty is willing to have a meeting dedicated to this issue. If you are interested or have suggestions, please contact Jason.

Snacks. Thank you Jason for your fabulous squash bars (squash provided by Sheena) and Ian for the incredible sweet and salty homemade kettle popcorn.

Next EGSA meetings:

November 1st: 5-6 PM 504 ASI

December 6th: 4-5 PM CEL

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Salil Siriwat