

EcoNews

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AOE requirements go into effect this quarter

Do you know who is in your AOE? Has your AOE met this quarter? Does your AOE have an updated mailing list of all members? Do you know who your AOE student representative is? If you answered "NO" to one or more of these questions, your AOE may be in violation of a new policy that went into effect this year. Worse yet, you may be missing out on the opportunity to meet and learn more about your colleagues.

As most of you are aware, last spring the Graduate Group in Ecology executive committee approved a new policy that requires all AOE's to hold quarterly meetings, maintain a mailing list of all members of the AOE, and to sponsor one quarterly seminar a year. (For a copy of this policy, contact Silvia Hillyer).

This policy was designed with your interests in mind. These requirements were developed by Ecology graduate students in an attempt to facilitate improved communication between faculty and students. These students realized that due to the size and structure of this graduate group, interaction with peers and faculty with similar academic interests is sometimes difficult. It is therefore in your best interest to contact your AOE Advisor and ask when your AOE is planning to meet. You can also remind your AOE advisor that this policy is mandatory, and that compliance with this policy is monitored by the GGE Curriculum Committee.

Furthermore, you can do your part by volunteering to be an AOE representative. The time commitment is minimal. All that is required of AOE representatives is that they report to the EGSA at least once a quarter about the activities of their AOE. If you are very ambitious, you can extend your involvement to include helping to organize your AOE's seminar series. The choice is yours, but please help us get this policy off to a good start this year. The potential benefits are tremendous.

AOE representatives as of 12/94:

Agroecology = Barney Caton
Basic & Theoretical = Lara Hansen
Conservation Bio. (current rep please contact Julie!)
ETOX = Steve Detwiler
Restoration Ecology = Andy Dyer

AOE representatives still needed:

Environmental Policy Analysis
Functional Ecology
Human Ecology
Systems and Landscape Ecology

If you would like to volunteer to be an AOE representative, contact Julie Reynolds at 759-8664 or jareynolds@ucdavis.edu.

HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 7th at 5:00 PM

2120 Wickson

Come before you go home, or after ECL200!

Bring cookies!!

RETURN ADDRESS: EGSA, Division of
Environmental Studies, Wickson Hall

MAIL TO:

Coming soon: GGE Excomm and GSA meeting summaries

We plan to include summaries of the monthly GSA meetings and the GGE executive committee meetings in future issues of EcoNews. Hopefully this will keep everyone informed just the right amount - we'll pick out the interesting parts of each meeting to tell you. Related:

GSA representative needed

EGSA needs a new student representative to the Graduate Student Association. We need to be represented at two or more monthly meetings per term in order to receive "department funds" from the GSA. Meetings are held one Wednesday evening (usually the first) each month, and last two hours or less. If you would like to become more involved with the larger graduate student community on campus and can devote two hours a month to attend the GSA meeting, please contact Becky Post at 2-4326 or rapost@ucdavis.edu. You can ask her what it's like to go to the meetings, too.

>> Committee members still needed <<

We now have students on the following committees:

Admissions committee = Nick Grunwald, Lara Hansen
Awards committee = Becky Post

We still need one more volunteer to serve on the awards committee and also someone for the curriculum committee. Talk to Silvia if interested.

**ECOLOGY T-SHIRT
Ideas and artists wanted**

At some time in the past, the idea of a GGE t-shirt came up. Designs were submitted, the theme being "the game of Ecology" (i.e., the process an Ecology grad student goes through from admission to completion of the program). We have some of these designs on file, but would welcome additional designs and ideas. At the last EGSA meeting we renewed an interest in getting these made! If anyone wants to do the artwork for the shirts, that would be wonderful. Barney Caton has the collection of designs (and he is bpcaton@ucdavis.edu, 2-2843). Or come to the next EGSA meeting. Speaking of which...

* **THE NEXT EGSA MEETING** *
* Will be on Wednesday, *
* January 18th, 1995 *
* In the 2120 Wickson complex *
* ***** (outside the EGSA office) ***** *

Silvia's Messages

First of all, an apology for misspelling Silvia's name in the last newsletter! -ed.

Silvia will be gone on 12/8, and also during the week from Christmas until New Year's.

Fellowship applications should be available sometime in the middle of December.

Please: if you did not send a directory info sheet to Jill Soha, or your email address is not in the directory for some other reason, email your email address to Silvia, schillyer@ucdavis.edu. She's compiling a mailing list so that she can email stuff to everyone easily. Many of you already know this.

One more time: orientation evaluations are requested of first-year students. If you lost your evaluation form, don't hesitate to get a new one from Silvia.

A note on the San Diego State University (SDSU) joint degree program with UCD

You've all heard of this program, and a few of you are even in it, spending a year here at Davis (and at this particular time of the year, perhaps wishing you were back down in San Diego). This note is actually for those of us who are permanently - you know what I mean - here in Davis. I have been asked to point out that this joint program with SDSU allows us to use facilities at that campus. If there's something there you wish to use, or if you are curious to find out what is available, or learn about the possibility of spending some time down in southern CA, this may be worth pursuing. Silvia is, as always, a good starting place for inquiries!

From notices taped up in the DES office:

Reader needed for ECL 205, winter quarter. STRUCTURE OF ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES. 100 hours (25% time). For application, contact Colleen May, 2126 Wickson (DES), 2-6750.

Lecturer and 4 TA's needed for summer session BioSci (BIS) 1C courses. Hiring is being done by the Section of Plant Biology, at 143 Robbins Hall. Deadline for applications is 12/23

TA wanted for BIS 1B, winter term:

TA (replacement) wanted for next term. If you are interested in TA'ing this introductory biology course, or know anyone who is, please contact me (jasoha@ucdavis.edu, 2-8531) ASAP.