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GGE BUDGET AND CHAIR PROBLEM UPDATE

None of the issues concerning the lack of funding to the Graduate Group in Ecology (GGE) and the lack of compensation to its chair have been resolved to date (See October EcoNews for details).

The GGE Executive Committee recently met to discuss the problems further. At this meeting, they decided to support Ted Foin's demands as chair but decided to call on the GGE faculty for nominations for a new chair in the event these demands are not be met. Heiner Lieth, the Vice-chair of GGE, summarized this meeting in a memo to M.R.C. Greenwood, Dean of the Graduate Division. This memo included a request for funding (\$13,200) to continue functioning as a group through the rest of the year. Dean Greenwood responded to this memo with concern but again with no real solutions. No one has yet responded to the call for nominations for a new chair, and as of January 1, GGE will be operating without a chair. What this means is unclear, but it is expected that the group will be much less functional.

Members of EGSA have also sent a letter addressing our concerns as graduate students in GGE to Chancellor Hullar. We are expecting a response soon and are scheduling a meeting with the Chancellor. If you are interested in becoming involved with this issue please contact one of the EGSA Executive Committee members to find out what you can do.

EGSA Directory

You should have received your new EGSA Directory in your mailbox a few weeks ago. If you haven't yet received it or if you forgot to update your listing or to add it to the directory, contact Dessie Underwood in Zoology at 2-2176. To change or add a listing, send a correction to Dessie in Zoology by December 3.

Apologies to Todd Sloat for missplicing his directory listing.

GGE AWARDS & ADMISSIONS COMMITTEES

These are two very important committee positions. As a student representative on the Admissions Committee, you would review all of the applications by students to GGE for the coming academic year and evaluate each of them. As a member of the Awards Committee, you would review and evaluate the applications of GGE students who have applied for various scholarships and fellowships. Having student representation on both of these committees is crucial especially if our admissions is cut. Both positions are good CV fillers and will give you lots of insight into the way admissions and awards are decided. If you are interested in working on either of these committees please drop a short written statement in the EGSA box at DES in Wickson Hall by Monday, December 3.

GRAD ADMISSIONS CUT

As a response to the current financial crisis within UC and UCD, UCD will be cutting its total number of grad students beginning next year. A formula has been developed which will decide how much each program will have to cut. As the largest graduate program, we stand to be potentially greatly affected by such cuts. This cut was supposed to be 10%; however, it may be much more than this.

ECOLOGY 200A ANNOUNCEMENT

Ecology 200a, Principles and Applications of Ecological Theory, will be offered during the 1991 winter quarter!! Any Ecology students interested in this course are encouraged to attend this class (it is listed at in the class schedule update. If you have any questions about it please see Dr. Elliot-Fiske, the course instructor. Ecology 200b will be offered in the Spring quarter of 1991.

ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE

Ecology still needs another EA Representative to attend these bimonthly meetings. If you are interested in getting involved in environmental issues on the UC Davis campus and working with other environmental groups please call Catherine McCarthy at 752-6609 or leave a message in her box at the Division of Environmental Studies. The EA meets at 7:30pm every other Monday evening at Outdoor Adventures.

Members of the Environmental Alliance are sponsoring a Putah Creek Cleanup day on the first weekend in December. The Cleanup will focus on the Alpha Phi Omega picnic area of the Putah Creek Reserve. See the EGSA Bulletin Board for details. For more information call Catherine at 753-8389.

AREA OF EMPHASIS UPDATE

An important part of the revised GGE structure is the formation of stronger Areas of Emphasis (AOE). Under the new program, a Ph.D. student would have only one, not three, AOE's. Right now groups are working on developing the new AOE's. This is your chance to get involved and have input towards building the new structure! To become involved, contact the specific AOE Chair, or Silvia Hillyer. In several AOE's working groups have not been developed - if this is the case, students should take the initiative to develop these groups.

EGSA BULLETIN BOARD

The EGSA Bulletin Board is located on the second floor of Wickson Hall near the Division of Environmental Studies main office. Stop by and check the Board for information concerning EGSA and environmental happenings in the area.

EGSA PHOTOGRAPHS

It's not to late! EGSA is still interested in any photographs of Ecology graduate students. Just write your name on the back of a photo of yourself and mail it in campus mail to EGSA at the Division of Environmental Studies, or drop it off to the EGSA mailbox at the DES offices on the second floor of Wickson Hall.

GRADUATE STUDENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

GSA has endorsed a document called the "Graduate Students' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities." It summarizes a number of important rules about grads that are scattered in a number of policy statements here and there on campus, but which previously had not been collected in one place. Such things about being clearly informed by one's major professor of exactly what is expected of the student in order to graduate are included. All current and future students and faculty will be receiving this document. Thanks to Pierre DuVair of EGSA for his important work in spearheading this document.

GSA FEES

There will be no increase in GSA fees paid by grads through 1991-92. What this means is that UCD's GSA will remain the most poorly funded GSA of all schools in the UC system. So, don't expect a great deal of advocacy on your behalf during the next two years. The money just isn't there for it.

INTERNSHIPS

The Environmental Internship Coordinators Mollie Hurt and Kristen Weeks are located at the Internship and Career Center on the 2nd floor of South Hall in Room 205. They have many resources you might need to find an internship. Listings of jobs and internships are posted on the second floor of South Hall and at the second floor of Wickson Hall (right near the EGSA Bulletin Board).

WINTER QUARTER COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT: AGROFORESTRY

A seminar in Agroforestry will be presented during Winter Quarter (ECL 290 / Resource Sci. 290). Topics will focus upon a variety of extensive and intensive agricultural systems. Format will include guest lecturers and student presentations. Enrollment for 290 credit limited by the number of time slots available. Instructor: John Menke, Agronomy and Range Science. Time: Mondays, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

NEXT EGSA MEETING

Thurs., December 6, 1990

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Free pizza at Steve's after the meeting
