

GPSA Coordinating Committee
Meeting Summary
30 January 2009

Present were Kathleen Delate, Mike Duffy, Jan Flora, Matt Liebman, Charles Sauer, and Mary Wiedenhoft.

Agenda items

- 1) GPSA Spring Symposium
- 2) EEOB request for seminar support
- 3) Lectures update
- 4) Research assistantship update
- 5) Admissions review
- 6) SUSAG 620X

Mike Duffy called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

- 1) Mike Duffy provided an update on progress in securing a speaker for the spring symposium. To-date, no commitments have been made. Efforts will continue.
- 2) The EEOB Department has requested support to conduct the 30th Annual Charles E. Bessey Lecture. The speaker will be Dr. Susan Harrison, professor, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, UC-Davis, and director of the University of California Natural Reserve System. The presentation is "A North American Biodiversity Hotspot Declines in Response to 55 Years of Climate Change." The committee agreed to provide \$100.
- 3) Matt Liebman announced the date for the Shivers Memorial Lecture. The presentation will be 1 March 2009. The guest speaker is Dr. Richard Levins, professor emeritus of applied economics at the University of Minnesota. The title is "Why Don't We Have Sustainable Agriculture Now?"
- 4) Matt Liebman announced that the NREM and Agronomy Departments will likely be able to offer a graduate RA in connection with the research project at Neal Smith preserve. This position would be open to GPSA applicants. More details will be forthcoming.
- 5) In anticipation of the F09 admissions cycle, the committee briefly reviewed policies relating to student funding and the admissions timetable. Discussion was limited and consideration of new proposals was postponed until more members could participate.
- 6) Matt Liebman provided a brief update on SUSAG 620X.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.