

Minutes of
Geology Graduate Student Association

January 17, 2013

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 in the Map Room (HOCH 439).

II. Attendance: Jessica Ball, Timothy O'Brien, Christine Burrill, Elizabeth Ceperley, Nick Dahn, Carolyn Roberts, Sam Kelley, Simon Pendleton, Ethan Mamer, Sandra Cronauer, Tom Macomber, Andrew Harp, Dawn Ruth and Kate Feiner.

III. Issues Discussed:

1. Officer Updates

- a. President / Vice Pres. / Faculty Liaison / Senator / T.A. Union Rep. – No updates
- b. Treasurer – (see Winter Party updates below)
 - Bio Depart. Request for co-sponsorship will be decided after Winter Party
- c. BAPG Rep – Last meeting people expressed interest in helping students build skills needed for working in a geology/environmental-related job. They'd like to know what skills students might be interested in learning more about (eg. Surveying) email Nick ASAP. Internship opportunities are available and they're discussing creating a student member intern portal to make finding internships easier. (Next meeting details below)

2. Alumni Board Meeting – February 21, 2013.

3. Committees:

- a. Winter Party
 - Headcount needed for Monday (Feb 21)
 - Vote to encumber money for DJ (\$200) - unanimous.
 - There will be a raffle – bring \$ for tickets for a chance to win a prize!
 - Announcement of Photo Contest winners.
- b. Department Outreach
 - Long term project: Creating or updating a brochure for new students on living in Buffalo.
- c. Newtown/ Sandy Hook Fundraiser
 - Check email for info about fundraiser to donate to
 - Vote to encumber \$20 for materials for ribbons to be sold at winter party - unanimous
- d. 30th Annual Groundhog Day BBQ – February 2, 2013 Noon-1pm
 - Location – Outside, north side of NSC by entrance near Mrs Rich's Corner Cafe
 - Tim will be contact for people who'd like to volunteer setup, cleanup, etc.

4. Vote to lease club grill to undergrad club for \$100 – unanimous.

5. Future Activities

- a. 1st UB Geology Rock Trot - 5k/10k run or walk at Delaware Park
 - January 26, 2013 at 10:00 (show up between 9:30-9:45)
 - FREE – but register in advance. (check you email for details)
- b. BAPG meeting – January 23, 2013
 - Location: Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14228-3526
 - Time: 5:30pm (happy hour), 6:30 dinner
 - Presentation Title: Characterizing Slope Stability Issues Along Western New York Streams
Presenters: Todd Swackhamer, P.E. and Donald R. McMahon, P.E.
 - Students \$15

- c. Spring Field Trip ideas?!?!?!?
 - Erie Islands & possibly Cedar Point Amusement Park – Christine will bring more specific info to next meeting
 - Grad Club volunteer work for \$200 towards trip - 40 hours needed, doesn't have to be volunteer work associated with UB specifically.
- d. Disaster Movie Night!!
 - Date: Monday January 21, 2013
 - Time: 7:00 pm
 - Location: Hoch 439
 - Movie: TBD
- e. Geology Writing Group
 - A writing group that meets regularly where students bring writing they are currently working on for discussion/critique.
 - Contact Dawn Ruth if you are interested in participating.
 - First meeting is Thursday, January 31, 2013 from 3:30-5:00 in Hoch 439
 - Next writing Boot Camp by Center for Excellence (FREE) will be offered during Spring break.

f. Next meeting: Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 1pm in the Map room (Hoch 439).

VI. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Burrill
Geology Graduate Student Association Secretary