

Minutes of
Geology Graduate Student Association

October 31, 2012

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 in the Map Room (HOCH 439).

II. Attendance: Jessica Ball, Timothy O'Brien, Christine Burrill, Elizabeth Ceperley, Simon Pendleton, Carolyn Roberts, Sandra Cronauer, Andrew Harp, Nicholas Dahn, Iana Shmelkina and Tom Macomber.

III. Issues Discussed:

1. Officer Updates

- a. President/Faculty Liaison – Tim substituted for Sam for the Nov 1 faculty meeting.
- b. Senator – meeting next week.
- c. Center for Geohazards Grad Rep – No meetings for the rest of the semester.
- d. BAPG Rep. At the Oct. 17 dinner meeting horizontal drilling techniques and tools were discussed in association with laying pipes for utilities. There were also groups of geophysicists and glaciologists that were discussing the glacial deposits these utility projects are being conducted in.

2. Alumni Board Meeting – November 15, 2012, afternoon. Sam had volunteered to give presentation on grad student club activities and student research, Nick D. has volunteered to give the presentation in case Sam cannot make it. Each discipline should put together a slide or two about their research. Tim will be sending out an email to grads with more info.

3. UB Student Alumni Association (UBSAA) FREE Business Cards - Need business cards to hand out while you're networking at AGU or GSA? UBSAA is offering students 100 free business cards for the price of shipping (around \$6). Here's the link to the website: <https://alumni.buffalo.edu/ubsaa/networking>

4. Committees:

- a. Student Research Fund – On hold.
- b. Winter Party – Deposit has been made and undergrads have committed to supplying the cake. Currently working on paperwork for tickets. Entertainment options still being explored.
 - i. Photo Contest – Information will be sent out by this week. Submissions will be hung up near the office for voting and all submissions will likely be shown in a slide show during the Winter Party, where the finalists will be announced.
- c. Department Outreach
 - i. Student visiting Friday, Nov 9 will be available later morning, early afternoon to get together with grad students.
 - ii. Creating or updating a brochure for new students on living in Buffalo.
- d. Graduate school Workshop – Q&A with undergraduates on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012 around 3:30. If you'd like to help out email Tim O. Volunteers will be meeting sometime before the workshop. An email will be sent out when a date and time has been determined.

5. Future Club Activities

- a. Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists (BAPG) November Dinner Meeting. November 14, 2012, 5:30 – 9:30 at Orazio's located at 9415 Main Street Clarence, NY. Topic is the Alberta oil sands. For more information go to www.bapg.org
- b. SpaceVision Conference at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Nov 8-11, 2012. The UB Chapter of Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS) is hosting a conference in Buffalo this year including speakers from NASA and the space industry. Late registration is still available. <http://spacevision.seds.org/>

- c. University of Rochester Department of Earth & Env. Sciences Seminar
 - i. Looks like there are no seminars scheduled for Nov 2 or Nov 9.
 - ii. November 16, 2012 UB's Dr. Jason Briner will be giving a talk on the response of Arctic ice sheets to abrupt climate change. Seminars are at 3:00 in Hutchison 229.
- d. **Next meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at noon in the Map room (Hoch 439).**

VI. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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