

Minutes of Geology Graduate Student Association 8/2/2018

Attendance: Dave Hyman, Claudia Fletcher, Allison Cluett, Alia Lesnek, Joe Tulenko, Carolyn Roberts, Erin Schuster, Tayler Schweigel, Becca Kiekhaefer, Kirstie Hayne, Brandon Graham, Patrick Suter, Davide Bana, Erin Girven, Meg Corcoran, Nate Marshall

Joe Tulenko called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - a. Approved unanimously
2. Senate update from Meg
 - a. Elected an interim treasurer
 - b. Next to vote on next treasurer
3. Faculty meeting update: Alia
 - a. Potential undergraduate TA in-lab helpers (for credit). Will not change anything about graduate TA positions.
 - b. Feb 23rd perspective graduate students will come to visit. (~40)
 - i. Possibly offer them a list of resources about where to live/roommates, etc.
 - c. Department name change: Department of Earth Sciences
4. Old Business:
 - a. Winter party updates:
 - i. Everything has been submitted by GGSA
 1. Up to SBI and GSA to finish the process to cover the rest of Pearl St.
 - ii. We need a work-around for undergrads coming to an open bar event.
 1. Idea: Have an undergrad person to get their money to us. Have undergrads donate funds (~\$800) to Fall picnic and Groundhog's Day? -Carolyn
5. New Business:
 - a. Website blog
 - i. January blog has been posted by Dave
 - ii. Alia to do blog for February
 - b. The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity:
 - i. Dr. Thomas expressed interest in helping the grad club organize and host a webinar/training session for this semester.
 - ii. Reach out to Dr. Thomas for a list of potential topics.
 - c. BAPG February meeting:
 - i. **21 Feb 5:30-9:30: Orazio's 9415 Main St. Clarence, NY 14031**
 1. Mark Raybuck: Augmented and Virtual Reality for Science and Engineering.

- d. Activities committee:
 - i. Lazertron
 - ii. Curling Lessons
 - iii. Pedal Tour
 - iv. Maple Syrup related activities
 - v. SkyZone
 - vi. Come to next meeting with ideas!
 - vii. 20 April: BAPG Rafting down Zoar Valley
 - 1. Contact Claudia if interested in attending
- e. Outreach committee:
 - i. **24th-25th March: Erie County Gem and Mineral Show**
 - 1. Possibly combine with BAPG
 - 2. Still need volunteers
 - ii. **Wed 21st March: Science Exploration Day**
 - 1. Demo to grades 6-8 geology-interested kids in small groups
 - 2. Measuring maps, NYS geology demo, Volcanology demo
 - 3. Contact Carolyn if interested in volunteering!
- f. SWAG committee
 - i. See potential designs below
 - ii. Mugs
 - iii. Sweatshirts
 - 1. What will go on front and back still TBD. Ideas?
- g. Tutorials
 - i. GMT tutorial by Kirstie?
 - ii. Field Camp Prep tutorial?
 - iii. Maybe help handle Elizabeth's offer for a webinar?
- h. Pegrum Refreshments in Fall 2018:
 - i. Make a Pegrum Officer as a position to go get refreshments?
- i. Meeting refreshments:
 - i. Franco's Pizza
 - ii. Pass on the coffee
 - iii. Joe Tulenko made movement to encumber \$45 for refreshments
 - 1. Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourn: Joe Tulenko called the meeting to a close at 4:30 pm

Next GGSA meeting will be 1 March 3:30-4:30pm in C-435 —“Same place, same time, different pizza.”

Respectfully Yours,
Claudia Fletcher
GGSA Secretary

