

Minutes of Geology Graduate Student Association 10/31/2017

1. Call to Order: Joe Tulenko called meeting to order 9:04am
2. Attendance: Joe Tulenko, Alia Lesnek, Dave Hyman, Tom Glose, Claudia Fletcher, Carolyn Roberts, Kirstie Haynie, Becca Kiekhafer, Patrick Sutton, Meg Corcoran. Nate Marshall – UG representative
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting:
 - a. Unanimously approved
4. Old Business:
 - a. JOIN COMMITTEES – 11 people so far have signed up.
 - b. Winter party: Feb 3rd from 6:30pm-10:30pm
 - c. Next steps?
 - i. Nate and the undergrads have reserved a DJ and professional photographer for the event so far! Still need to order a cake and decorations.
 - ii. Need to get going on raffle items and hurricane relief fundraiser ideas
 - iii. Avy: Meals: 1\$ more than last year, Bar: \$3 less than last year, but still have to figure out how much raffle tickets will be.
 - iv. January 15th set as ticket purchase deadline
 - v. Have to talk to Pearl St. about attendance: Limit is currently 80 people
 - vi. Donations and ideas for raffles; make announcement at Pegrum Lecture, Faculty meeting.
 - vii. Finish forms for Dept.Chair: Get paperwork to Allison
 - d. Fundraising:
 - i. Carolyn: Fishbowl Ticket Idea
 - ii. Tom: Groundhog's Day selling food?
 - e. BAPG October Meeting recap from (LAST WED.)
 - i. Tom and Carolyn attended
 - ii. Dr. Young from Geneseo: Will do free carbon dates in NYS
 - f. Non-Pegrum Alumni Talk: **Monday, Nov. 20th 3-4 pm in Cooke 434**
 - i. Dale Gump, UB alumnus will be giving a talk about life after school working for NOAA.
 - ii. Joe Tulenko made a motion to encumber \$60 to provide refreshments for the event and motion passes unanimously.
5. New Business:
 - a. Nate and the undergrads have a great logo that *could* be this year's department logo as a department-wide logo for UB Geology
 - i. Claudia Fletcher also presented a design to the club that encompasses all UB graduate research groups. She will digitize and we will discuss what's next at the next meeting.
 - b. Dr. Gregg:
 - i. offered a talk for the club to discuss life after graduate school. How to become a professional in industry and/or academia.

- ii. Overwhelming interest expressed for grads, undergrads may also be interested.
 - iii. May be held on an off-pegum week.
 - c. Lava Pour club trip: **Saturday, Nov 11th**
 - i. All day event, can organize a group to leave UB first thing that morning. Still need to find out how many would be interested in attending.
 - ii. Please respond to the doodle poll sent out by Joe Tulenko if you are interested in attending.
 - d. Those in regular club meeting attendance: Please bring your own mugs for coffee, let's be a little more environmentally friendly.
 - e. The writing group would like to meet more regularly (every Thursday) and we are asking to encumber club funds (~ \$40 as a test amount for the month of November) so we can get reimbursed for coffee supplied at writing sessions. (If we encumber today then we can have coffee at the writing session this Thursday!)
 - i. Carrie made a motion to encumber \$40.00 for the month to cover refreshments for the workshops. The motion passes unanimously.
 - f. BAPG November meeting speaker = UB grad student Carolyn! Will be at 5:30pm on 11/15 at Banchetti by Rizzo's (550 N French Rd, Amherst, NY 14228). Talk will be on exciting findings from an improved elevation record of one of Greenland's largest outlet glaciers. It's close so everyone should be able to attend. Maybe the club could sponsor someone to attend for free?
 - i. Please email Joe Tulenko (jptulenk@buffalo.edu) if interested in being sponsored for the event
 - g. Website blog—let's start a blog!? We can vote on blog post topics to post online at club meetings. The potential for blog posts could be endless—they could feature a cool paper someone is reading, new research findings, upcoming events, event recaps, etc.
 - i. Joe Tulenko, club president to write a pilot blog post for the club!
 - h. Biology club reaching out for \$25.00 from the Geology club to co-sponsor their annual symposium.
 - i. The club tabled the vote until at least next meeting because we would like more details on the event (e.g. can geology grads present their research at the symposium?)
 - i. Website is updated! Please check it out! (gsa.buffalo.edu/geology)
6. Meeting adjourn: Joe Tulenko called the meeting to adjourn at 9:40am. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 9am in Cooke 435.

Respectfully yours,
 Claudia Fletcher
 GGSA Secretary