

**Minutes of
Geology Graduate Students Association
10/31/2014**

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Matt Williams at 11:30am in the Map Room (HOCH 439).
- II. Attendance: Jeff Green, Jon Brotsch, Matt Celistino, Matt Williams, Tom Glose, Paul Moretti, Alia Lesnek, Matt Sweeney, Chuck Porecca, Andrew Harp, Jonathon Malzone, Carolyn Roberts, Tracy Gregg.
- III. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of October 17, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Geology Swag: Settled on Hoodies, T-shirts, hats, and sunglasses.
 - b. BAPG: The meeting went well, there was a good turnout.
 - c. Camping Trip: Trip went well, had a great time with great weather.
 - d. HASWOPER: Potential to be offered Saturday's starting end of January. Cost is \$500 initially with potential to drop towards \$340 with enough people.
 - e. Winter Party: Initial deposit for Pearl Street has been paid. The DJ contract has been acquired, need to determine the costs still to compare to last years. There is potential for another DJ who is cheaper, need to check the cost. The Committee has been working diligently to acquire raffle items. Need a budget for the decorations.
 - f. Geohazards Group Update: Nothing applicable to the group.
 - g. GSA Rep: No meeting until next week, will report on it at the next meeting.
- V. New Business:
 - a. Faculty Meeting Recap:
 - i. Dr. Gregg explained what happened at the faculty meeting to discuss some rumors that were going on.
 - 1. TA rumors: Faculty are always concerned with TA workload, want to ensure that TA's are doing the work that they are paid to do, but that they are not overworked. Need honest reported work hours to determine this, as well as how many TA's are needed for a specific class. Stressed that we need open communication between TA's and faculty. Considering implementing an undergraduate TA program.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Matt Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm. The next meeting will take place on November 14 at 11:30am in HOCH 4439.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas Glose
Geology Graduate Student Association Secretary