

**Minutes of
Geology Graduate Student Association Club
11/13/2015**

- I. Call to order: Tom Glose calls the meeting to order
- II. Attendance: Tom Glose Katie Swensen Joe Tulenko Avy Schweinsberg Michael Awatey Paul Moretti Matt Sweeney Andrew Harp Will Phillips Jon Brotsch QingYuan Yang Jon Sessler Dr. Valentine Guoqun Zhang Alia Lesnek Tayler Schweigel
- III. Review Minutes from last time: Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. The motion passes unanimously.
- IV. Faculty Meeting Recap: Avy attended the faculty meeting last Friday (11/06).
 - a. Tracy wanted to thank all of the drivers and student participation at GSA. Lot's of interest from GSA participants for UB Geology Grad Program
 - b. The department will consider looking for a new faculty member for a professor in the Paleoclimate lab- an ice sheet modeler
 - c. Discussion on undergraduate TAs. If the motion passes, the earliest TAs would start fall of 2016.
- V. Photo Contest Extension: Due to lack of submissions, the photo contest should be extended out to next Friday 11/20.
- VI. Food Drive Reminder: Please bring in non-perishable goods (only food) to the main office and the fourth floor up until next Friday (11/20)
- VII. Locking Doors in Cook/Hoch: Alison Lagowski would like to remind everyone that doors must be locked when the room is not in use.
- VIII. BAPG Reminder from Chuck Porreca: The meeting will be held this coming Wednesday (11/18) at the Eagle House Restaurant on Main St. in Williamsville. All our encouraged to attend! The Eagle House is a great place and I've heard that their food is excellent. The talk will be about historical smelting in the Buffalo/Niagara corridor.
- IX. UB Geology Photos for Carolyn's GAAB presentation: Please send any photos of UB Geology students in action to Carolyn Roberts for her GAAB presentation that she would like to finalize this weekend.
- X. Pearl Street Winter Party Update:
 - a. Tom calls to vote on a request for \$700 from the department for the party. The motion passes unanimously.
 - b. Determine amount of drink vs. non drink tickets
 - c. Create an informative poster/flyer for the event. Will Phillips

- d. Reminder to get raffle item request letters sent out to businesses by the end of the month.
- XI. Dr. Valentine's update to the club:
- a. The department is currently discussing changes to the graduate student handbook.
 - b. The M.A. program is intended to provide students with a broad geology experience through classwork and potentially a smaller-scale project. It is intended to be a non-thesis option.
 - c. However, if a student is intending to go on to Ph.D, it is better to have the thesis/research based background received in an MS
 - d. Recruiting update: The department will attempt to schedule one or two days for potential incoming students to come and visit UB. The department would appreciate assistance from the current grad students at UB.
- XII. Meeting Adjourned: Tom called the meeting to order at 3:50 pm. The next meeting will be held in the Cooke 435 conference room 11

Respectfully yours,

Joe Tulenko
GGSAC Secretary