

**Minutes of
Geology Graduate Student Association Club
02/04/2016**

- i. Review minutes from last time: A motion was made to approve the minutes from last time. The motion passes unanimously.
- ii. Attendance: Carolyn Roberts, Tom Glose, Katie Swensen, Joe Tulenko, Alia Lesnek, Márcio Coelho, Andrew Harp, Avy Schweinsberg, Qingyuan Yang, Jon Brotsh, Tayler Schweigel, Paul Moretti, Dave Hyman, Sophie Goliber, Emilia Rossi
- iii. Senator update: GSA Funding opportunities
 - a. Conference funding for grad students available for (up to \$300 MS, \$550 PhD, \$200 non presenter). Must send in an application a month prior to conference.
 - b. GSEU Fund: TA/RA funding opportunity also available (up to \$1000) for conferences. Please email Alia Lesnek, our senate rep for more details
- iv. BAPG update – 2/17/16 at 5:30pm. Title: *HYDROFRACKING, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND EVOLUTION OUTREACH YIELD RULES OF THUMB FOR ADDRESSING CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES* -- location= Orazio's (9415 Main Street, Clarence, NY). Chuck Porreca will give *double* high-fives if you pledge to attend. Email either him or Carolyn Roberts for more details.
- v. SWAG Update: Dave Hyman- full zip hoodies with logo options on front and back, if we order at least 30, we can get them for \$23.00 each. Dave sent out a poll to the grad student listserv so you can vote on color and pick out logo design for the hoodies. If we can fill two orders, we might be able to order two colors. The poll will also be sent out to faculty and the undergraduate listserv.
- vi. Center for Geohazards update- student research grant due 2/29/16. If you are interested, please email Carolyn Roberts and she will forward the details
- vii. Pegrum funding: departmental funding opportunity for those interested in attending/presenting at conferences. The opportunity is available to graduates and undergraduates. Graduate Students are encouraged to apply for the Graduate Student Association conference funding opportunity in conjunction with this departmental opportunity.
- viii. Winter Party: THIS SATURDAY! You can still buy tickets! PLEASE COME! Approximately 28 tickets left as of today (02/04). Purchased tickets can be picked up at the ticket office on campus, or at the door prior to the party.
 - a. Ride coordination to 5K (email Jason Briner). Jason will be sending out a reminder about the rock trot to the listserv
 - b. Decorations and Raffle Item labels will be crafted tonight at Sophie Goliber's house! Email Carolyn Roberts for details. Hopefully decorations will be completed tonight.
 - c. Party set up on Saturday will start as early as 5:30pm. Please email Carolyn for more details
 - d. What should we spend the raffle money on?
 - i. Options: Another party, SWAG money, Food/Beverages for the club
 - e. Bring photo props to school if you have them. There will be a student photographer and

- backdrop at the winter party.
- f. Letters to Dale: there will be a station at the party where you can write a message to Dale that we will be sending to him!
 - ix. VOTE FOR PHOTOS ---ACROSS FROM MAIN OFFICE! The winner will be announced on Saturday at the party
 - x. New Business:
 - a. Call for nominations for the President Emeritus and Mrs. Meyerson Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Mentoring. Students need to write a 500 word or less description of the faculty's strengths in undergraduate mentoring by March 1st. Email Carolyn or Sophie Goliber for more details.
 - i. Dr. Bursik is encouraging students to nominate Dr. Briner because he is the undergraduate advisor, and is involvd in a lot of undergraduate research.
 - b. Time available during the semester for a club camping trip?
 - xi. Meeting adjourn: Carolyn called the meeting to a close at 1:45pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, Feb 18th (02/18/2016) at 1:00pm in NSC 782 (the volcano room). Hope to see everyone there!

Respectfully Yours,

Joe Tulenko
GGSAC Secretary