

**Minutes of  
Geology Graduate Student Association Club  
03/03/2016**

- i. Call to order: Carolyn Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:05pm in room NSC 782.
- ii. Review minutes from last time: A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from last time. The motion passes unanimously
- iii. Attendance: Carolyn Roberts, Tom Glose, Katie Swensen, Joe Tulenko, Tayler Schweigel, Will Philipps, James Boyle, Dave Hyman, Avy Schweinsberg, Alia Lesnek, Paul Moretti, Chuck Porreca.
- iv. Senator update: Senator update: Alia- from 3/2 meeting: mandatory fee increase to 50-60 dollars, Saying no to gym fee; revamping the MDRFund over the summer, hopefully re-done by fall (reintroduce Tiered system= full or partial funding options instead of all or nothing); Election for officers in April—you can vote online when the time comes.
- v. Reminder: BAPG March meeting will be 3/16/16 at 5:30 pm (dinner at 6:30 pm), Salvatore's Italian Garden, on Transit Rd. in Depew, NY. This meeting will be a joint meeting between the BAPG and an engineering group. Student tickets will not be discounted at this meeting (\$30.00-\$35.00).
- vi. GAAB update: Carolyn Roberts attended the recent GAAB meeting and gave a quick recap.
  - a. 50 plus grad students in the department, 70 plus undergraduate students.
  - b. Those who have offices/labs in NSC won't be moved over to Cooke/Hoch until the summer.
  - c. Dr. Jason Briner is up for full time professor!
  - d. The best way to get the most from GAAB is to have a panel of alumni and break up groups to discuss what comes after graduation. We need a subcommittee to organize travel, events, etc. for the career-counseling panel that is projected to be scheduled during September. Email Carolyn Roberts if you are interested in participating. A donation fund from the Alumni has been proposed in order to help reduce the cost of field camp fees for undergrads.
- vii. SWAG: New totals: 47 sweatshirts total, \$21.72 per sweatshirt.
  - a. We will be deciding whether or not to spend some of the club's raffle profits on reducing the cost of each sweatshirt.
  - b. A vote was called: Since we have over \$1000.00 left in the budget, we will encumber \$200.00 of those funds to help cover the cost of sweatshirts. The motion passes unanimously. The extra \$200.00 dollar contribution will reduce the cost per sweatshirt down to ~\$17.00.
  - c. An email with a sweatshirt order form was sent out; please fill it out by 3/23 if you want to purchase a sweatshirt.
- viii. New Business:
  - a. Peer Writing Group: sign-up sheet, biweekly meetings at the end of grad club meetings (potentially) in NSC 782 or Hoch conference room.
  - b. Grads Helping Undergrads: Kickoff Session: Tues., March 29th, @~6:30pm--How to make plots in R, Matlab-- encumber money for pizzas + soft drinks. A motion was

- made to encumber \$40.00 for the event. The motion passes unanimously.
- c. Gem & Mineral show in Hamburg - joint table with Penn Dixie and the Undergrad club--April 2&3-- need volunteers for 4 hour shifts for Saturday (10a-6p) and Sunday (10a-5p)
  - d. April 22nd earth day themed pedal bar bike tour. Club members continued to express interest on this subject, so Avy will be looking in to prices and times for the event. She will be sending out an email to the grad students soon.
- ix. Meeting adjourn: The meeting was called to an end at 1:45. The next meeting will be held the Thursday after spring break (03/24/2016) in the Volcano room (NSC 782).

Respectfully yours,

Joe Tulenko  
GGSAC Secretary