

**Minutes of  
Geology Graduate Student Association Club  
09/06/2016**

- i. Call to order
  - a. Carolyn Roberts, club president, called the meeting to Order at 2:00pm in Cooke 419.
  - b. Members in attendance: Carolyn Roberts, Jenny Cramer, Robert Stachowiak, Joe Tulenko, Katie Swensen, Becca Kiekhaefer, Erin Schuster, Anna Hrywnak, Tom Glose, Dave Hyman, Paul Moretti, Avy Schweinsberg, Tayler Schweigel, Chuck Porreca, T.J. Scialo, Michael Awatey, Ian Dunning, Scott Borchardt, Alex daSilva, Elizabeth Lee, Ryan Frederiks, Matt Sweeney, Evan Green, Erik Orantes.
- ii. Senate update
  - a. GSA Website – <http://gsa.buffalo.edu/> Tons of info about upcoming events and resources for grad students (conference funding, MDRF, copy editing services, etc.)
  - b. Mark Diamond Research Fund – get money for your research! All grad students are eligible **unless you have received a waiver for the student activity fee.**
    - i. Masters - \$1500; PhD - \$2500
    - ii. Lots of rules- make sure you read through the guidelines carefully and follow all directions
    - iii. Deadlines to submit –
      - 1. Fall: **Friday September 23, 2016** for conducted research between Nov 1, 2016 – Oct 31, 2017
      - 2. Spring: **Friday February 17, 2017** for conducted research between April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018
      - 3. Summer: **Thursday May 25, 2017** for conducted research between July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
  - c. Conference Funding
    - i. Masters - \$350; PhD - \$550
    - ii. Rolling deadlines every month, apply typically around 2 weeks in advance of conference you plan on attending.
    - iii. Check GSA website for complete list of deadlines
- iii. BAPG Meeting Reminder
  - a. September meeting will be held Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm
  - b. Hosted at the Eagle House, 5578 Main St. Williamsville, NY 14221
  - c. The main meeting topic will be about how to become a professional geologist in New York State
- iv. Penn Dixie Earth Day 10/08/2016
  - a. Fundraising opportunity for the geology graduate club
  - b. A sign up sheet was passed around. If you were unable to attend the meeting to sign up, please email Carrie to express your interest in attending the event.

v. New Business

- a. Erik Orantes – Next semester try to invite Rick Sternbach to give a talk here at UB. We will need to try to get at least two other grad clubs on campus to make this a joint event.
- b. Enchanted Forest: Friday-Sunday Oct. 7-9, 2016 – The Beaver Meadow Audubon Center is putting on a kid friendly event to introduce the abundant wildlife of western New York to local families. This is a great volunteer opportunity for the club. Positions to be filled include; set up, pumpkin carving, kitchen, ticket counter, face painting, etc. See the upcoming email from Carrie for specific details for the event.
- c. Counseling services – If any students in the club are having any sort of troubles adjusting to graduate school, the city of Buffalo, etc. there are counseling services available to the student body. The counseling center is located at 120 Richmond Quad.
- d. Undergrads are selling t shirts until 10/15/2016, and there will be a sign up form sent out from the Undergraduate club president, Sophie Goliber.
- e. Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – community day on south campus. A large clean up event focused on cleaning up the community around south campus. Food will be provided. Please see the email Carrie sent out for more details, and please email Carrie if you are interested.
- f. Practice talks for conferences – not too many students attending the GSA conference, but as the date for the AGU conference approaches, we may wish to organize practice talks for students giving talks, poster presentations, etc.
- g. Joining committees- 5 committees have been made available. If you missed the club meeting and didn't get a chance to join a committee, please feel free to email the co-chairs of a committee that you would like to join.
  - i. Katie and Tom have volunteered to be the activities committee co-chairs. [kswensen@buffalo.edu](mailto:kswensen@buffalo.edu) and [thomasgl@buffalo.edu](mailto:thomasgl@buffalo.edu)
  - ii. Carrie and TJ have volunteered to be the outreach committee co-chairs. [carolynr@buffalo.edu](mailto:carolynr@buffalo.edu) and [tjscialo@buffalo.edu](mailto:tjscialo@buffalo.edu)
  - iii. Dave Hyman and Erin Shuster have volunteered to be the co-chairs of the SWAG committee. [davidhyman@buffalo.edu](mailto:davidhyman@buffalo.edu) and [ebschust@buffalo.edu](mailto:ebschust@buffalo.edu)
  - iv. Carolyn and Peter have volunteered to be the co-chairs for the tutorials committee. [carolynr@buffalo.edu](mailto:carolynr@buffalo.edu) and [peterjoh@buffalo.edu](mailto:peterjoh@buffalo.edu)
  - v. Avy, Tom and Robert have volunteered to be the winter party committee co-chairs. [avrielsc@buffalo.edu](mailto:avrielsc@buffalo.edu), [thomasgl@buffalo.edu](mailto:thomasgl@buffalo.edu) and [rdstacho@buffalo.edu](mailto:rdstacho@buffalo.edu)
  - vi. Emails from respective co-chairs will be sent out to those who signed up for the committees

- vi. Meeting adjournment: Carolyn Roberts called the meeting to a close at 2:40pm. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in Cooke 419.

Respectfully Yours,

Joseph Tulenko  
GGSAC Secretary