

**Minutes of
Geology Graduate Student Association Club
10/18/2016**

- I. Call to Order: Carrie Roberts called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- II. Review of the minutes from the last meeting: Carrie made a motion to approve the minutes from last week. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Attendance: Carrie Roberts, Joe Tulenko, Jenny Cramer, Paul Morretti, Erin Shuster, Katie Swensen, Nikki Root, Mel Beck, Alia Lesnek, James Boyle, Robert Stachowiak, Tom Glose, Ian Dunning, Ryan Frederiks, Alex diSilva, Scott Bourchard, Jon Brotsch, Tayler Schweigel, Chuck Porreca.
- IV. Senate update from Carrie Roberts:
 - A. Mark Diamond large-scale policy overhaul. Main differences include: Lifetime cap of \$4500. Students may receive up to \$3000 for PhD projects and \$1500 for Masters projects. There have been changes to the scaling system, and it will now include 2 bonus points if you are applying for funding to help finish off the final stages of your project.
 - B. There will be a town hall meeting in 310 Student Union on Thursday Oct. 20th from 3-4:30pm during which this policy change will be discussed in greater detail.
- V. Faculty update from Carrie:
 - A. The department will be hiring a faculty member for an ice sheet modeler position through the RENEW Institute.
 - B. The thin section lab is moving to the basement over winter break.
 - C. Please email Travis if you encounter any issues with the lab computers. Take a screen shot of the desktop screen and send it along so Travis knows which computer has the issue.
- VI. Swag update from Erin: The club will be ordering/designing bumper stickers first, then mugs, and then will follow up with items of clothing including beanies, t-shirts, etc. They committee will also be planning on creating a design for Arctic Workshop coming up this spring.
- VII. Outreach committee update from Carrie: The geology club has been awarded \$250 for our volunteer efforts at Penn Dixie. The club had a great turn out and the event was fun for all involved! Thank you to those of you who were able to volunteer for the event.
- VIII. Tutorials committee update from Carrie: The first seminar of the semester will be hosted by Matt Sweeney and Dave Hyman on October 26th from 7-8:30pm and is entitled, Graphing 101. The main goal of the seminar will be to teach students how to produce professional quality graphs in Matlab.

- IX. Activities committee update from Katie: The camping trip is this weekend; sign up via the doodle poll sent out by Tom Glose as soon as possible! There is likely to be a 4-car limit, so make sure you sign up if you are interested so we can consolidate riders and minimize the number of cars for the trip. Also, the committee is in need of assistance with the purchase of groceries; if you are signed up to go, please consider volunteering to help purchase groceries.
- X. Winter Party committee update from Tom: We have encumbered the \$500 down payment, and next week the plan is to begin organizing the menu options for winter party. The committee also encourages club members to keep in mind that we will be seeking donations for the raffle in the near future.
- XI. New Business
- A. Club sponsored BAPG meeting attendance: Tayler has proposed to have the club sponsor a student to attend BAPG events and network with local professionals. This will be organized for the BAPG meeting next month. Carrie made a motion to encumber \$10 to sponsor a student for the BAPG meeting in November; the motion passes unanimously.
 - B. Thanksgiving in Buffalo: Carrie and Katie would like to invite those who will be in Buffalo over thanksgiving for an impromptu friends' thanksgiving dinner (friendsgiving). Please email Carrie if you will be around and are interested.
 - C. AGU practice sessions: There are a number of students this semester that will be attending AGU in San Francisco! And so, we will be organizing practice sessions for any and all students who would like to practice their talks and/or poster presentations. Keep your eyes peeled for an email. The plan is to have a session sometime during the week of Dec 5th-9th.
 - D. Vinyl night: next Wednesday there will be a Halloween party at Caputi's Sheridan Pub. (Reminder: there is free pool and darts every Wednesday night, and a free drink if you bring in a vinyl record for the DJ to play).
 - E. Scheduled visit from planning/policy people: there's going to be a luncheon scheduled for Nov 15th during our regularly scheduled graduate student club meeting. The event will take place in Cooke 434 from 2:00-3:00pm. Auditors will be coming in and observing our department. This audit will impact the future of the Geology Department here at UB, and so all graduate students are strongly encouraged to attend this department-sponsored luncheon.
 - F. Arctic Workshop update from Dr. Jason Briner: We are now unsure if the department can allow AW volunteer hours to count as TA hours. There will be a more definitive answer in the future.
- XII. Meeting Adjourn: Carrie Roberts called the meeting to a close at 2:30 pm. The next meeting will be 11/01/2016 at 2pm in C419.

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Respectfully Yours,

Joseph Tulenko
GGSAC Secretary