

**Minutes of  
Geology Graduate Student Association Club  
11/01/2016**

- 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, Dave Hyman, Alia Lesnek, Jenny Cramer, Joe Tulenko, Paul Morretti, Erin Shuster, TJ Scialo, James Boyle, Erik Orantes, Ryan Fredericks, Evan Green, Katie Swensen, Jon Brotsch, Tom Glose, Steph Amodeo, Ian Dunning, Rob Stachowiak, Elizabeth Lee.
- IV. Swag update from Erin: nothing new to report at the moment.
- V. Outreach committee update from Carrie: the club is finished with normally scheduled events for the semester. However, please let Carrie know if there are other opportunities that the club might want to participate in.
- VI. Tutorials committee update from Carrie: Successful matlab tutorial last week. Just about complete turn out in the computer lab. The committee is going to be organizing another tutorial for plotting in R. That meeting will be 7:00-8:30pm on 11/15. The committee made a motion to encumber \$15.00 for snacks for the event. The motion passes unanimously. Tutorials in thin section making, optical mineralogy (ID), and LaTeX were proposed for the Spring semester.
- VII. Activities committee update from Katie: Unfortunately, the club lost \$90 on our deposit for the camping trip due to the fact that we had to cancel the trip. The next committee meeting will be held next week. If you are on the committee, look for an email from Tom or Katie.
- VIII. Winter Party committee update from Tom: The deposit has been officially accepted by Pearl Street. If you would like to make suggestions for what will be served, please look out for the menu that will be sent out by Tom in the near future. Reminder that there will be an open bar (beer and wine only) for an hour before dinner and 2 hours after dinner. Also look out for an email for the annual Rock Trot that will be hosted the morning of the party by the paleoclimate group.
- IX. Geohazards Center meeting from Dave Hyman:
  - A. The center has a few thousand dollars in awards for students, and only 3-4 students applied last year. The award is intended mainly for fieldwork funds, and is not applicable for conference funding nor publication funds. The application process begins in January. Students are encouraged to consider how their research can apply to potential Geohazards or even outreach related to Geohazards (i.e. educating the public). Students are strongly encouraged to apply for funding.

- B. Feel free to ask your advisor if you are having trouble relating your research to Geohazards, they will most likely be able to help!
  - C. The department will be holding a FEMA course on a specific topic related to geohazards next semester. Please see the attachment in the minutes email regarding the list of options for this course, and email Dave Hyman if you have any interest in a topic.
- X. Old Business:
- A. On behalf of the department: 11/15 Department reviewer update. The department is asking for 1<sup>st</sup> semester grad students and seasoned veterans only (no middle-age grad students). The department needs only 2 students per research group. Carrie will be sending out an invite to those few fortunate enough to be selected.
  - B. Club sponsored BAPG meeting attendance for one club member: Carrie made a motion to encumber \$10.00 to sponsor either Carrie Roberts or Joe Tulenko to attend this month's BAPG meeting, tbd on 11/08 by BAPG rep. The motion passes unanimously.
  - C. Dr. Bursik will be the guest speaker at the next BAPG meeting so we are expecting a large UB student turn out! He will be presenting on seismotectonic analysis in volcanic regions. The meeting this month will be held 11/16 at 5:30pm at Chef's Restaurant (291 Seneca St. Buffalo, NY 14204). Plan on attending! Email Carrie if you need a ride to this meeting!
  - D. Carrie Roberts will be hosting a group Thanksgiving event over the break, so if you aren't going home and would like to take part, please contact Carrie. She would love for you join in!
  - E. AGU practice talks will be hosted during the first full week of December (Dec 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>).
- XI. New Business
- A. On behalf of Dr. Allen-King: Travis Nelson is willing to take your photo for a professional LinkedIn account. Please email Travis if you are interested.
  - B. The next Geology Alumni Advisory Board meeting is coming up. The board is interested in finding effective ways to advise current students who are planning on joining the work force in the near future. Please email Carrie Roberts if you would like to hear anything specific from them during the meeting. Furthermore, Alumni Dino Zack is going to come speak with us at our club meeting on 11/29. He will be advising graduate students on how to position themselves for life after grad school. In addition, Dino will help interested students build professional resumes and CVs.
  - C. AGU Sign up! The cost to register for AGU significantly increases after 11/04 so register now if you haven't already.
  - D. If you are fed up with transporting sensitive/delicate posters for conferences

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- E. There will be a networking event at the University of Pittsburgh on 11/17 for women in Geosciences, please see attached flyer for all of the details. There will be a seminar, a reception, and plenty of networking opportunities. Please email Carrie Roberts if you are interested in attending and/or if you would like to coordinate a car pool.
  - F. NASA just released their solicitation for their Earth and Space Science fellowship. Please visit the link if you are interested in applying.
- XII. Meeting Adjourn: Carrie Roberts called the meeting to a close at 2:50 pm. Because of the department reviewer meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a short (15 minute max) club meeting at 2pm in the Cooke 434 classroom. We will be ordering only 2 pizzas.

Respectfully Yours,

Joseph Tulenko  
GGSAC Secretary