

Minutes of
Geology Graduate Student Association

February 28, 2013

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 in the Map Room (HOCH 439).

II. Attendance: Jessica Ball, Timothy O'Brien, Christine Burrill, Elizabeth Ceperley, Laura Best, Carl Carlson, Sam Kelley, Simon Pendleton, Ethan Mamer, Sandra Cronauer, Tom Macomber, Kevin Kersten, Dawn Ruth and Kate Feiner.

III. Officer Updates

- President – Submitted paperwork for GSA Special Activities funding for cosponsoring screening of Chasing Ice. Last week was the first film, Beast of the Southern Wilds, which was very good and there was good attendance. Next film will be American Meat (see below in Upcoming Events for details).
- Senator – Meeting next week, bus/metro pass still in the works
- TA Liaison - Next meeting will be in March sometime
- BAPG Grad Rep. – Next monthly meeting is March 21, Banchetti by Rizzo's, 550 N French, Amherst, NY. Speaker is Victoria Rockwell.

IV. New Items

- Visiting Faculty Candidates – looking for grad students to show around candidates March 1st weekend
- *Cutting Edge* Webinar Series – enough people showed up last time so it was only \$5 per person, next one Thursday March 28th “Early Career Negotiations: Negotiating for what you need to be successful”
- IRIS Webinar Series - <http://www.iris.edu/hq/webinar/>
 - A number of interesting seismology-related videos are posted online
- Buffalo Geological Society – 45th Annual Gem Mineral Fossil Show
 - March 23-24 at the Fairground in Hamburg (see flyer for details)
 - Looking for volunteers for a few hours running activities/demonstrations, and setup and breakdown, free admission as a volunteer email Tim if interested
- March 11th Event in Student Union on disaster in Tohoku, Japan

V. Ongoing Items

- Graduate Student Presentation (TBD)
- Brochure for Undergraduates
- New Student Handbook Update
- Committees
 - Department Outreach – no updates
 - Writing Group
 - Next Meeting - March 7 at 3:30 in Hoch 439, submit writing for review through listserv or send to Dawn at least 1 day in advance
 - Volunteer Work
 - Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeeper – Spring Shoreline Sweep
 - Saturday, April 20, 2013 – 9:00 am to Noon
- Spring Club Trip
 - Location Update & Dates – van schedule checked, last weekend none available. Second and third weekend are options, will send final poll through listserv.

VI. Upcoming Activities/Events

- Disaster Movie Night!!
 - Tuesday March 5th at 7:00 pm in Hoch 439
 - Snow Shark: Ancient Snow Beast
- Sustainability Film Series
 - March 21st 6:30pm, 107 Capen Hall. Film “American Meat”: Panel of UB faculty and community members working on food security issues.
 - April 17th 6:30 B Wing Classrooms Greiner. Film: “Chasing Ice”. Panel of UB faculty working on climate change issues.
- Beerology! @ Buffalo Museum of Science
 - April 13, 2013 @ 7:00 pm – tickets are \$42.00
- NEXT GEOLOGY GSA MEETING – TBD

Respectfully submitted,

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