

**Minutes for the
Geology Graduate Student Association
11/12/2020**

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meredith called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.
2. Attendance
 - a. Juliana Conlon, Meredith Cole, A. Croft, Erin Schuster, Kevin Griswold, William Russo, Brandon Keim, Josh Charlton, Karlee Prince, Caleb Walcott, Devon Gorbey.
3. First Meeting Remarks
 - a. Meredith welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. Old Business
 - a. GSA
 - i. Conference funding deadline for December conferences is 11/16! They will not be covering any travelling funds but registration fees and abstract submissions fees will be covered.
 - ii. The Ticket Office is giving out \$5 Tim Hortons and Chipotle gift cards
 - iii. GSA is now incorporated so we must update our club documents to change any references from “Senators” and “Constitutions” to “Board Members” and “By-Laws” respectively by Feb 15th.
 - iv. There is a Public Hearing on Nov. 17th which will discuss a possible tuition increase. While the deadline to register to speak was 11/9, please keep an eye on your email in case there is an opportunity to watch the meeting live.
 - b. Union
 - i. No Updates
 - c. Faculty
 - i. Pegrum funding for AGU is also available, **deadline to apply for pegrum funding is 11/16**, funding can also cover childcare if necessary
 - d. BAPG
 - i. Virtual Presentation by Rick Watt on Nov. 19th
 1. Register online at <https://bapg.org/event-4047562>
 - e. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - i. Caleb sent out an email last week with the actionable concerns to make the program more inclusive, **please comment before 11/20!**
5. Committees
 - a. SWAG

- i. Merch Post Sale will run as normal, Ticket Office may be responsible for the distribution of goods so we don't have to work out pick up times for people on campus.
 - ii. Photo Contest Submissions are still open! Please send us your lab or field related photos for our calendar (GGSA.PHOTO.CONTEST@gmail.com)! They do not have to be UB affiliated.
 - b. Outreach
 - i. No new updates on outreach opportunities this semester, the spring semester may have more opportunities
 - ii. Brainstorm some ideas for our next meeting or email caleb (ckwalcot@buffalo.edu) with any ideas you may have
 - c. Activities
 - i. Craft Night
 1. Funds were encumbered for 2 craft nights his semester
 2. Distribution of supplies is still to be determined, however it is likely that it will happen on campus in some way.
 3. For those who want to participate but aren't local, or who would like to buy/use their own supplies, an amazon wishlist will be distributed so you know what you'll need.
 4. Our first craft night on Friday Nov 27th is going to be an embroidered ornament led by Croft, a signup sheet will be sent out. **There are only 17 spots available** for those who want to be supplied by the club! You're more than welcome to participate with your own supplies if you'd like!
 5. Our second craft night is currently unscheduled (possibly over winter break), but will be a sunset landscape painting activity. A signup sheet will be sent out closer to the chosen date for those who would like to try and get their supplies provided by club funds. **THERE WILL BE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES!** Again, if you'd like to use your own supplies or buy your own, you're more than welcome to participate!
 6. We're considering opening these events to undergrads, alumni, and possibly faculty, however they would not be eligible for being supplied by funds from the club.
 - ii. Please help us brainstorm ideas for activities that can include alumni and faculty in lieu of the Winter Party this year!
- 6. AGU
 - a. We'd like to make a spreadsheet of people who will be presenting at AGU so if you're presenting, fill out this form so we can send it to everyone closer to the actual meeting

- i. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XCBMg4l6hAwzhd3o6jWIFGK7UDeMQ968BQ9XVSmhbzY/edit?usp=sharing>

Respectfully Submitted,
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