

**Minutes for the
Geology Graduate Student Association
2/4/2021**

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meredith called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.
2. Attendance
 - a. Juliana Conlon, Meredith Cole, A. Croft, Isabelle Li, Erin Schuster, Josh Charlton, Caleb Walcott, Kevin Griswold, Devon Gorbey, Anastasia.
3. First Meeting Remarks
 - a. Meredith welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. Old Business
 - a. Merchandise and Calendar Sale: an email was sent out with the link to the sale of leftover merchandise from the sale last year as well as calendars. The sale will last until the 22nd unless there is still merchandise available, in which case we may extend the sale. http://bit.ly/GGSA_SALE
5. New Business
 - a. Changing Constitution to By-Laws: all mentions of “Constitution” were changed to “By-Laws”, “Senate” was changed to “Board of Directors”, the election process was changed to be online to comply with GSA policy, tied elections will now be decided by a runoff election, an update was made to the quorum requirements: it is now one more general member than officers. Changes were adopted by a unanimous vote.
 - b. GSA: if you would like detailed information about or a copy of the GSA financial statement, feel free to email Kevin Griswold at kggriswo@buffalo.edu. 1 World Cafe is 50% complete and should be completed by January of 2022. The bus and shuttle service are doing an on-demand service now; request time window to be picked up; they’re open to comments about how it is running. The deadline to apply for March conference funding is 4:30pm on February 15th. GSA is still not allowing in-person events but research grants for travel related expenses can still be applied for; just be aware the university has not agreed to release funds for that yet.. There may be a virtual club involvement fair this year and we have the option to participate as a club. It would be over the course of 3 days and we would have a representative present to get people involved.
 - c. Union Update: the union is currently continuing in their attempts to get the university to not apply fees to student employees, meetings continue to happen about the living stipend movement and the GWAIR movement.
 - d. Faculty Update: a couple very tentative ideas for the future such as potentially having the graduate students select a Pegrum speaker in the Fall; there is also the possibility of one student from each research group being nominated to receive extra funding from the Pegrum travel fund as that money is not being used during COVID but that is also very tentative.
 - e. DEI: no new updates right now
6. Committees
 - a. Outreach: in a holding pattern at the moment given COVID-19

- b. Activities: we might host a regular murder mystery game night in the future to bond and hang out as a group. We'll do a trial run soon with the pirate themed mystery from Masters of Mystery.

Respectfully Submitted,
Juliana Conlon
GGSA Secretary