

**Minutes for the
Geology Graduate Student Association
10-8-2019**

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Pat Bobbitt, president, called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm in Cooke 435.
2. Attendance: A. Croft, Sam Rodgers, Ian Taylor-Benjamin, Devon Gorbey, Ricky Milleville, Caleb Walcott, Antonio Lang, Erin Schuster, Pat Bobbitt, Meredith Cole, Kayla Hollister, Joe Tulenko
3. First meeting remarks: Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Outreach:
 - i. Buffalo Makers Faire and Penn Dixie outreach events: went really well, thanks to everyone who volunteered!
 - ii. Let Caleb or a club officer know if you have an outreach opportunity you'd like the club to be involved in!
 - b. Activities:
 - i. Apple-picking event at Blackman Farms, next Saturday Oct. 19th
 1. An email with more details will go out soon
 2. We will try to coordinate rides for the drive to the farm.
 - c. Pegrum
 - i. Allison has let the club know there are options other than getting coffee from Wegman's.
 1. Club agreed unanimously to make coffee using the coffee makers from the kitchenette in the future.
 2. For this week, the club will make 1 pot of decaf and 2 of regular, amount to be adjusted if necessary in following weeks.
 3. Pat, Antonio and Croft will take care of coffee for this week.
 4. Pat and Jenny will coordinate for this week's Wegman's order.
 - d. Winter Party: Decided on a date- Feb 8th!
 - i. This year's Winter Party will also be Dr. Mitchell's retirement party
 - ii. Kayla knows a cover band, and would like to try to arrange live music for dancing!
 - iii. The committee will talk to Pearl Street this week about deposit and scheduling logistics.
 - iv. Raffle items, for the raffle at Winter Party, start thinking and talking about it now! Items can include donated goods and/or services from local businesses or handmade arts/crafts. The Winter Party committee will send out an email with more information.
 - e. Union representative: still need people to sign their union cards to improve our department numbers.
 - i. The petition from the GSA and GSEU was (mostly) successful- the PhD excellence program will be fully funded for 2 years, and they are pursuing

additional funding for additional years. There is no longer a recruitment freeze, although recruitment will be limited.

- f. GSA update: Mandatory officer training- President and treasurer need to attend
 - g. Webmaster update: Ricky made an Instagram for the club, account is “ub_geo”! Check it out and follow if you want.
 - i. Login info will be shared with club members that want to post field and research photos on the account!
5. New Business:
- a. Pat was contacted by Physics GSA, invited to interdepartmental mixer
 - i. The club is interested in participating, so more details coming soon!
 - b. Dr. Briner wants to stop by a meeting to talk about 1st floor hallway decoration, and recruiting undergrads.
 - i. Toward the goal of decorating the 1st floor hallways, we are planning a photo contest!
 - 1. Email to go out soon, two weeks to submit photos after email goes out.
 - 2. Submissions should be geologically relevant, and can include field or lab photos with or without people.
 - 3. Submissions will be posted through Instagram, and possibly voting on Instagram as well.
 - c. Brown Bag Lunch: Biweekly lunch meeting, bring your lunch and listen to an informal talk from a graduate student about their research.
 - i. We could invite interested undergrads as well.
 - ii. Meredith will send out a doodle poll to see what days/times will work for people’s schedules.
6. Our next meeting will be on October 22th, at 2pm in Cooke 435. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith Cole
GGSA Secretary