

**Minutes for the  
Geology Graduate Student Association  
11-05-2019**

1. Call to Order:
  - a. Pat Bobbitt, president, called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm in Cooke 435.
2. Attendance: A. Croft, Joe Tulenko, Caleb Walcott, Antonio Lang, Pat Bobbitt, Meredith Cole, Chris Sbarra, Devon Gorby, Ian Taylor-Benjamin, Sam Rodgers, Erin Schuster
3. First meeting remarks: Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Winter Party:
    - i. Encumbrance accepted, PO sent to Pearl Street
    - ii. Still working on event details (raffle donations, music, etc.) but the venue is taken care of!
    - iii. Meeting with department tomorrow, about Dr. Mitchell's retirement and department contributions
      1. E-board and Winter Part committee representative/s will discuss band expenses, additional funding due to Dr. Mitchell's retirement, and other Winter Party details with office staff and the department,
      2. Update coming soon!
  - b. Outreach Committee:
    - i. Outreach Event! Eggert Elementary School, Thursday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm
      1. Sign-up sheet has gone out by email, need 2-4 people for the short event!
    - ii. Supplies Funding:
      1. The club voted unanimously to encumber \$19.50 to reimburse Caleb for glacier supplies
      2. The club voted unanimously to encumber \$50 for matching game supplies
  - c. Swag Committee:
    - i. Selected some items with 4imprint, presented in a slide show to get feedback from the club as a whole
      1. The club was interested in having bandanas, fleece, stickers, bumper magnets, hats, pint glasses, metal water bottles, and mousepads with the club logo and/or other club designs
      2. Swag committee talked about designing a limited-edition Winter Party t-shirt (similar to last years, but maybe with a different back design that features Winter Party and/or Dr. Mitchell's retirement)
  - d. Union Update:
    - i. Letters for PhD excellence initiative were not a new contract, just an adjustment in pay
    - ii. Still waiting for the university to release public financial documents

1. Asked faculty (through a letter from the union) to also put pressure on the university officials to release the document
    2. Put in a FOI request for the document
    3. Union has a lawyer willing to represent them pro-bono, if necessary
  - iii. Training available for student employee GSEU members: Reducing inequality training, 25 slots available, paid \$15/hr, 8:30am-5pm Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - iv. Solidarity Thursdays: wear a shirt or button to represent the union
    1. Email will go out to request t-shirt sizes and buttons!
  - e. Photo Contest: extended deadline by a week to give people more time to submit- if you haven't submitted, please send in an email- multiple images ok!
  - f. Pegrum: has been going well, but keep in mind to help set up or clean up if you have time!
    - i. Food location: move to outside the room?
5. New Business:
- a. Apply to Pegrum Travel Grant:
    - i. Due Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, can get up to 500\$ for AGU or other conference travel!
  - b. Social hour at 5 on Friday!
6. Our next meeting will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm in Cooke 435. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith Cole  
GGSA Secretary