**Minutes for the**

**Geology Graduate Student Association**

**2-25-2022**

1. Call to order:
   1. Kurt Lindberg, GGSA president called this meeting to order at 4:07 PM
2. Attendance: Kurt Lindberg, Meredith Cole, Devon Gorbey, Brandon Keim, Louie Manzella, Brandon Keim, Kevin Griswold, Caleb Walcott
3. Reminders/announcements
   1. Rock Trot tomorrow, 2/26 at 10 AM! Delaware Park
   2. GSA giving out free KN95 masks open to all grad students (<https://ubwp.buffalo.edu/gsa/event/free-kn95-masks-available-for-graduate-students/?link_id=1&can_id=9f254c8d4bf7b2447eb02ece2126d5c1&source=email-kn95-mask-giveaway-by-gsa&email_referrer=email_1456946&email_subject=kn95-mask-giveaway-by-gsa>)
   3. Department hosting virtual alumni open house, 3/11 from 11 – 12; let Dr. Valentine know if you are interested in being student representative
   4. 42 responses from spring party form!
   5. GSEU is doing weekly samosas and tea
4. Old business/updates:
   1. Treasurer:
      1. Moving forward with calendars, encumbrance from last week is awaiting approval
   2. Craft night next non-meeting Friday
      1. Offered lots of free craft supplies from EES – Meredith will collect and organize distribution
   3. Faculty liaison:
      1. No new updates
   4. EDI committee:
      1. UBURGE is starting strong
   5. Outreach committee
      1. No new updates
5. New business:
   1. UBURGE
      1. Reporting incidents through university; very few resources/infrastructure available
      2. Can talk to EDI office (Title IX) which is more compliance-focused; not necessarily on helping students
      3. Set up framework for reporting incidents within department
      4. Formalizing/training faculty members to serve as points-of-contact
      5. Graduate student point-of-contact to help report as well (non-TA person?)
      6. Initiate anonymous reporting system
      7. Ensure there are points-of-contacts with adequate training at each level of the department
   2. Spring party
      1. 93% of people comfortable attending large event
      2. ~28% (13 people) interested in helping organize
      3. Mareli is on-board with spearheading spring party
      4. Outdoor venue strongly favored
      5. Now need to get forms submitted to GSA
      6. Need to vote for winter party point person at next meeting
      7. Venue considerations
         1. Ample indoor-outdoor space
      8. Potential weekends: 4/29 – 5/1; 5-6 – 5/8; 5/13 – 5/15
      9. **VOTED YEA to go forward with spring party planning**
6. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Caleb Walcott

GGSA Secretary