**Minutes for the**

**Geology Graduate Student Association**

**3-11-2022**

1. Call to order:
   1. Kurt Lindberg, GGSA president called this meeting to order at 4:05 PM
2. Attendance: Kurt Lindberg, Meredith Cole, Devon Gorbey, Brandon Keim, Louie Manzella, Mareli Paredes, Kevin Griswold, Erin Schuster Caleb Walcott
3. Reminders/announcements
   1. Free KN95 for GGSA grad students
   2. $5 tickets for Antarctic dinosaurs
   3. GSA on summer hours during spring break
   4. BAPG still selling thin section pale ales
   5. GSA is selling discount tickets to Buffalo Sabres – NY hockey game
4. Old business/updates:
   1. Spring party:
      1. Still happening!
   2. Meredith:
      1. Attended department open house
      2. Informed alumni that we are trying to plan an open house
   3. GSEU:
      1. University changing mask policy – seeing if there are regulations so graduate student employees can require masks to be worn in classrooms if desired
   4. Treasurer:
      1. Calendars have finally come in. Pick them up from Erin.
      2. Budget of $1300 after calendars
   5. EDI:
      1. No new business
   6. Faculty:
      1. Preparing for awards
      2. Looking for cooks at field camp
   7. Outreach:
      1. No new business
   8. GSA update from Kevin:
      1. GSA is coming up on election cycle. Elections run from 4/11 to 4/14.
      2. Referendum vote on student activity fee
5. New business:
   1. Spring party coordinator election
      1. A motion was made by Meredith Cole to elect Mareli Paredes as spring party coordinator and seconded by Kevin Griswold. Vote: 9 in favor, 0 against, the motion carries.
   2. Spring party updates:
      1. Determine weekend for spring party
      2. Combined inside-outside venue – find list of venues
      3. Target dates of 4/29 – 5/1; 5-6 – 5/8
      4. Mareli will email people who are interested in party planning
      5. COVID safety plan?
         1. Require testing
   3. Outreach opportunity:
      1. Establish science policy club at UB
   4. Adding duties to grievance officer’s role
      1. Waiting for URGE to solidify role
   5. Activities
      1. Donation of craft supplies; available for anyone who wants to pick them up.
6. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Caleb Walcott

GGSA Secretary