**Minutes for the**

**Geology Graduate Student Association**

**10-6-2021**

1. Call to Order:
	1. Kurt Lindberg, GGSA president, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm over Zoom
2. Attendance: Erin Schuster, Meredith Cole, Caleb Walcott, Karlee Prince, Kurt Lindberg, Kevin Griswold, Naureen Khan
3. First meeting remarks: Kurt welcomed everyone to the meeting (his first as president), introduced the new board memberships
4. Old business:
	1. Thank you to those who signed up to meet up with the Pegrum speakers – please be on the lookout for more opportunities
	2. Successful Penn-Dixie outreach program; Travis Parsons, community outreach co-chair was contacted by a UB alum for future potential outreach opportunities
5. New business:
	1. GSA updates
		1. next meeting tonight (10/6) – live broadcast on the GSA Youtube channel
		2. Shared future GSA events and vouchers – check GSA website for list of events and vouchers
		3. Distinguished speaker (Winston Duke) on 10/13. Tickets available via UBLinked
		4. All set for official GSA recognition
		5. Next funding deadline:
			1. 10/15 for conferences in November
	2. GSEU updates:
		1. GSEU is hosting happy hour at Brick house from 5:30 – 7:30
		2. Please sign GSEU union card if you have not already
			1. More members means more bargaining power
		3. No updates from Erin – meeting tomorrow (10/7). Will update at next GGSA meeting
	3. Activities committee updates:
		1. Gage interest on rebooting craft nights this year
		2. Funds encumbered to reimburse Josh Charlton last year for redemption of craft funds
		3. Must encumber again if we want to use funds for craft nights this year
			1. Ideas:
				1. Crocheting
				2. Acrylic paints
			2. Need to determine time for craft nights
			3. Goal to schedule next craft night for sometime in October
	4. Winter party
		1. Requires lots of pre-registration, pre-planning
		2. Kevin will put together list of requirements needed to have in-person winter party for next meeting
		3. Potential push-back for spring to enable outdoor venue and more planning
		4. Kevin will check on what GSA requirements are required and bring information to next meeting
			1. What to do about alumni/those who do not have UBLinked account to register?
		5. Check about pushing back alumni day to spring as well to coincide with potential spring “winter party”
		6. Have Devon ask at faculty meeting:
			1. Can we push back alumni day?
			2. Are faculty and staff okay with having the party in the spring?
	5. We need an alumni outreach representative – please let us know if you are interested.
6. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Caleb Walcott

GGSA Secretary