**Minutes for the**

**Geology Graduate Student Association**

**4-29-2022**

1. Call to order:
   1. Kurt Lindberg, GGSA president called this meeting to order at 4:05 PM
2. Attendance: Kurt Lindberg, Meredith Cole, Brandon Keim, Mareli Paredes, Kevin Griswold, Fiona Ellsworth, Caleb Walcott
3. Reminders/announcements
   1. Spring Party on 5/6 at Pearl Street Brewing
      1. Tickets for sale until Monday, 5/2, 11:59 PM
   2. May 15th deadline for June conference funding from GSA
   3. GSA still has free KN95 masks available through the box office
   4. May 20th MDRF funding deadline
   5. June 1st deadline to requisition GSA funds
   6. GSA is selling flex passes for Buffalo Bisons games
   7. GSA is selling tickets for performances at Shea’s Theater
   8. Six Flags Darien Lake tickets will be available for sale through the box office on 5/2
   9. GGSA has a gear closet! With camp stoves, tents, etc. contact Meredith or Sue Bratcher to check these items out.
4. Old business/updates:
   1. Meredith:
      1. No new updates
   2. Faculty representative:
      1. Deadline for awards ceremony RSVP today
   3. GSA updates from Kevin:
      1. GSA office going to summer hours (5/22)
         1. Limited staff
         2. Communication times will be longer
   4. EDI
      1. Please provide comments on department mentoring framework: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rpTJg52zHQIRwPHB2EUs5vF9w3ReVEtl8Q_NzL2TSKI/edit>
      2. Brainstorm Pegrum speakers for next year!
      3. VITAL program for doctoral candidates: <https://www.buffalo.edu/inclusion/strategic-initiatives/VITAL.html>
   5. Spring party:
      1. Emergency meeting last week to encumber club funds for PA system, decorations, etc.
      2. 44 tickets sold
      3. Negative COVID test and signed liability waiver required
   6. New student virtual meet-up for incoming graduate students
   7. GGSA website is now updated
      1. Reach out to Kevin with anything to add
      2. Send photos to Kevin/Barb to be featured on graduate webpage
5. New business:
   1. Spring Party:
      1. Still accepting donations for silent auction – get in touch with Kiersten Hottendorf ([kahotten@buffalo.edu](mailto:kahotten@buffalo.edu)) to donate!
6. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Caleb Walcott

GGSA Secretary