



Geology Alumni Society Meeting Minutes

Date: 7 May 2014

Start Time: 18:05

Attendees:

Dr. Bruce Nocita	Chairman
Dr. Len Vacher	USF Faculty Representative
Dr. Jeff Ryan	USF Faculty Representative
Katie Giglio	USF Faculty Alumni Representative, Liaison
Ann Sava	Commencement Chair
Ophelia George	Geology Graduate Student Organization Treasurer
Jon Hull	Mass Communication/Rockbreaker Chair
Eileen Rodriguez	Financial Chair
Dr. Dorien McGee	Director
Matt Wissler	Secretary

1) Approval of minutes from last meeting

- Meeting minutes were approved.

2) Old Business

a. Treasurer's Report (Eileen Rodriguez)

- No report.
- Transfer from Operating Account to Endowment Account needs to occur.
- Eileen's meeting with Christina was postponed due to illness. Once the meeting is rescheduled the transfer will occur.
- Dorien inquired whether the matching funds from Exxon have been received. Eileen to check.

b. Resume Workshop (Dr. Bruce Nocita)

- Workshop was held on 17 April 2014.
- 8 students attended (6 undergraduate and 2 graduate students).
- Food was provided.
- Tampa Bay Area Environmental Professionals (TBAEP) also has resume workshop recently. Next year's workshop should be scheduled at a different time (potentially in the spring).

c. Spring Graduation Reception (Ann Sava)

- Reception held on 3 May 2014 (day after graduation) at the Natural Environmental Science (NES) Building.
- 14 students attended (included one student from the ESP program). Family and friends of graduates also attended.
- There were more attendees than RSVPs received. For future receptions, a proper headcount will be needed.

d. **Professional Science Masters Symposium (Dr. Len Vacher)**

- PSM Symposium was held on 23 April 2014 following Dr. Pasek's class at the Chemistry Building.
- 4 Geology Alums and the next 4 PSM students were in attendance.
- The presentation was instructive and underscored the value of inclusion of the alumni in the review process.

3) **New Business**

a. **Geology Club Update (Ophelia George)**

- No update.

b. **GGSO Update (Ophelia George)**

- Spring Picnic was held on 3 May 2014 at the USF Riverside Park.
- Turnout was excellent.

c. **Field School (Dr. Bruce Nocita, Dr. Jeff Ryan and Jon Hull)**

- Jon Hull sent out e-mail blast soliciting donations for the Field School fund earlier in the week.
- 30 students are enrolled in the Field School.
- The Field School fund is not available but is likely around \$3,000.
- USF Alumni Danny Lindsay was hired by the Geology Department to serve as program assistant and will travel with students and instructors to Field Camp at assist.
- The increased size of Field Camp has increased the potential liability concern for the Geology Department.
- An increased focus on health and safety has been initiated with First Aid and CPR training for all instructors.
- All students must provide documentation of health insurance prior to departing for Field School.

4) **Other Business**

a. **Dr. Mark Stewart Retirement (Dr. Len Vacher)**

- Dr. Stewart has agreed to be honored at the Fall Rockbreaker.
- An event will be planned similar to the Mary Haney retirement celebration at the 2013 Fall Rockbreaker.
- Turnout will be huge so ample space will be needed.

Next Meeting: 27 August 2014 at 18:00

Closing: Dr. Bruce Nocita adjourns meeting.

End Time: 18:45