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BOD Meeting Minutes - Approved

October 9, 2018

Wesleyan University, Exley Science Center

4:30-5:00pm

Order of Business

- Present: PR, DV (sick), MT, RL, NH, DH, FM, CG, SP, JS
- Meeting called to order, 4:35 pm

1. Minutes September 11, 2018 Meeting [DH]

- Sept. 11 minutes approved.

2. Treasury Report [FM – will be reported at the annual meeting]

3. Joint Annual Meeting Planning – 100th – Nov. 9

AAC meeting

- The AAC meeting went well. PR will summarize meeting at the annual meeting
- Minutes from the AAC meeting are appended to the end of this document.

Facilities [CG]

- CG summarized the status of room bookings and catering discussions. Details on the timing for various rooms were discussed and agreed upon as follows:
 - 4:30-6 reception, buffet 6-7, business starts during desert ending at 7:15, walk to keynote which begins at 7:30 going to 8:30
 - Field trip earlier, if interested, FM will look at the site. Start at 4-4:30. Hydrothermal vein associated with lava flows
- DH will coordinate with CG on equipment needs for the slideshow
- CG will check on student poster displays

Catering/bar (NH/JS)

- Details on catering and other costs were discussed.
- Prices for attending the meeting were moved, seconded and approved as follows: \$40 member, \$60 non-member, 25 student (includes membership for 2019)
- JS noted that the membership list is updated – 81 have paid dues for this year, plus 11 board members (96 as current members in good standing)

JWP award

- Committee met, FM, CG, JS discussed candidates – Bob Wintsch was nominated due to his efforts in furthering the understanding of CT bedrock's geology
- His nomination was moved, seconded, approved unanimously
- MT as president will present award and provide a description

Check-in Registration, Name Tags and other Items related to the annual meeting

- MT will moderate the business meeting. She encouraged everyone to be brief in their comments.
- The spring field trip can be put off until early April after which vegetation will obscure outcrops.
- MT will announce the field trip at the annual meeting.
- FM will check the site in November
- A raffle will be held at the annual meeting to support the student research fund. SP will assist MT with the raffle.
- MT solicited donations for items to raffle. The raffle will be held after the Business meeting just prior to the keynote by Paul Olsen.
- Elections – DH will summarize at the annual meeting.
- Registration will be managed with Wild Apricot per previous discussion (in meetings and online).

Meeting Adjourned:

- 5:50 pm



Attachment: AAC meeting minutes

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Joint Meeting of the AAC and BOD

Sept. 25, 2018

Wesleyan University, Exley Science Center

6:30-8:30pm

Order of Business

6:45, P. Resor, J. Stone, F. Moritz, N. Hastings, M. Wizevich, M. Thomas, P. Drzewiecki, C. Witkowski, E. Glass, M. Evans

1. Arrival, dinner, and social

2. Welcome and Introductions [Resor]

- PR welcomed the AAC expressing appreciation for their attendance.

3. GSC Overview, Current and planned activities

- MT also extended greetings, and provided an overview of the GSC, and its interest in receiving feedback from the ACC. This included:
 - Noting that this is the 10th anniversary of the GSC, and stating our mission of professional, education, and stewardship of science and geoscience as applied to CT.
 - GSC is interested in increasing student membership
 - New GSC brochures and posters were shared with the group
 - MT provided an overview of the society website indicating it was a location for information that was meant to serve the membership including Academic Departments engaged in geoscience activities within the state.
 - MT summarized GSC activities (annual meetings, field trips, guide books), and new affiliation status with AGI (which may provide additional opportunities for student members)
 - MT summarized plans for the upcoming year including the Trinity Annual meeting on Nov. 9 with Paul Olsen speaking. Also that a mineral field trip is planned for the spring, with more information to come later.

4. Department Reports [AAC, 30 minutes]

- PR introduced various school representatives inviting them to provide a brief summary of their program.

Conn College, from Doug Thompson

- P. Resor read a note from Doug Thomas.
- There is no geoscience program, although they do have a geoscience minor. There are 2 FT faculty and they have hopes to increase the program in years to come.

CCSU [Evans]

- 7 FT faculty, about 85 majors.
- Mark indicated that CCSU has a new ICP-OES up and running for trace element analysis. They are assembling a guidebook on its use.
- Mark is the lead person organizing the 2021 NEGSA, which will be held at the Hartford Convention center. He will be reaching out to our professional community and academia for interest in becoming engaged in this event.

CSU [Drzewiecki or Hyatt]

- Drew described activities at Eastern. This includes approximately 90 majors in Environmental Earth Science, which has three tracks and a strong undergraduate program with diverse geoscience courses as well as tracks with concentration in sustainable energy science.
- The department offers global field courses (to Iceland, Arizona, and Wyoming). As well, 10-15 students are involved in a variety of undergraduate research projects with summer fieldwork.
- Graduates have attended a variety of graduate schools, many also working in the environmental consulting industry.

UCONN

- Margaret Thomas shared the UCONN seminar series poster
- She described ongoing efforts to reestablish a Geoscience program, which is anticipated to begin in the fall 2019 semester, with a formal announcement in the spring of 2019.
- Other activities include a student-run Earth Science Week event for Oct. 6

Middlesex

- Christine described the historical context for their program
- Discussion followed on ongoing Transfer Articulation Pathways (TAP), which are being developed to establish defined pathways for students to receive associate degrees at the community colleges and be able to transfer to CSU institutions to complete degrees in two additional years.
- There is considerable concern as system level initiatives are seeking to consolidate and potentially eliminate programs.
- Environmental science programs in the community colleges are broad and do not have a single TAP, although Middlesex has some TAP agreements with individual institutions (e.g. Eastern and Post Universities).
- Discussion continued, and several people indicated their interest in working with Christine and others in the CC system to provide articulation agreements that would provide pathways for students taking Geoscience classes.

Wesleyan [PR]

- Phil described the program indicating 11 full time positions. Wesleyan has an undergraduate program and a Masters of Arts in Earth and Environmental Science.
- They maintain a low faculty to student ratio providing a variety of opportunities to their students.
- Most do research in the summer, from projects all over the world and examining topics from all over the solar system.

- Phil described that the program is undergoing curricular revisions that provide more choice for their students, a significant number of whom go into environmental consulting.

Goodwin [EG]

- Evan described his background in Environmental Geology and his recent teaching at Goodwin as an adjunct professor.
- He emphasized the vocational nature of Goodwin.
- Evan also described unique aspects of Goodwin campus and surrounding area as illustrating a variety of environmental remediation sites. He suggested that this might be a good site for a future GSC field trip. He was willing to be a contact person were such a trip developed.

5. Open Discussion [Moderator: Resor, 45 minutes]

Phil led a discussion on various activities that the GSC could undertake that might be helpful to academic institutions and others with interest in CT geosciences. Ideas raised included the following:

- Distinguished Lecture Series – Phil described that this initiative will be rolling out this year with the intent of identifying 1 or 2 experts that could be available to speak to various school seminar series on aspects of the Geology of Connecticut.
- Speaker Calendar: It would be very helpful to have a common calendar of speakers presenting at all institutions in the state.
- Equipment/Instrument database – Institutions with equipment and if others are able to utilize the equipment.
- Monitoring well help – could society be able to come and put the wells in – help in certain areas. Nick H. indicated that EPOCH has a grant application program for establishing educational well sites.
- A Student meeting with industry for a mixer with students and environmental professionals
- Try to establish an informal gathering for GCS members and students at the NE GSA meeting
- Connect student presidents of Sigma Gamma Epsilon student societies
- There was interest in engaging students with interest in spearheading a social media presence for the GSC.
- Perhaps a student representative
- Develop an Outcrop Field Location Database (already started by DEEP as an educational resource reflecting existing guidebook sites). Not presently online
- Career expert directory
- Phil commented that the Wesleyan museum is available for use
- Teaching resource list
- Use of the GSC newsletter to highlight activities of student and faculty at academic institutions that are engaged in geoscience study/research in CT.
- Additional items discussed as highlight on the chalk board included:
 - For students:
 - Formal Career Mixer
 - NE GSA gathering
 - Service Projects for SGC
 - Bring students together
 - For Department
 - Distinguished lecture series
 - Speaker calendar
 - Instrument database

- Expo and directory
- Outcrop field location database, top 10, 20?

Engage Students/Faculty

- Social media – Instagram, blog, Facebook, linked in, twitter

6. Meeting Adjourned 8:45 pm.