

GAMMA THETA UPSILON
General Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2006

Officers present:

Rosemary Daley, president; Emily Dux, vice-president; Gillian Hay, treasurer; Adam Naito, secretary

Advisors/honorary members present:

Jodi Vender, Brent Yarnal

7 members of GTU present, excluding those mentioned above

Proceedings:

- Introduction of officers and members present

- Spring Basic Geography Course Tutor Opportunity
 - list of present tutors have been given to professors and instructors
 - still accepting applications (see attachment)

- Resume CD
 - Looking to compile a CD containing resumes of all interested undergraduate and graduate geography students, as well as those pursuing a minor in geography. CD will be distributed to alumni and prospective employers.
 - Copies will be given to interested parties at the Association of American Geographers in Chicago, as well as to employers at the Spring Career Fair and recruiters from ESRI, Inc.
 - Deadline for submitting resumes for CD that will be given to parties at the AAG is Thursday, February 23.
 - Deadline for submitting resumes for CD that will be given to employers at Spring Career Day and ESRI recruiters is Wednesday, March 15.
 - Interested in appointing GTU member to help compile resumes, ensure uniformity with file names, and burn them to CDs.
 - May begin working on it anytime between now and February 23 deadline.
 - Public relations coordinator Jennifer Driver can provide assistance to appointed member
 - ▶ Don Mosteller expressed interest
 - Interested in researching possibility of purchasing a printer that prints designs on CDs that will be distributed. Designs from members are welcome.

- Elections of new officers for next academic year
 - To be tentatively held in April.
 - Discussed possibility of requiring that at least one member nominated and elected to office be a sophomore at the time of election.
 - Discussed possibility of on-line nominations and/or voting using an ANGEL group. Logistical/fairness issues a concern.
 - Discussed possibility of creating by-laws or modifying constitution to incorporate special procedures for nominations and elections

Other business:

- Daley noted that scholarships available to members of GTU are listed at <http://www.gtuhonors.org/Forms/index.html>. These forms are dated from last year, so the posting of updated forms is expected soon.
- Vender presented other internship opportunities. These include:
 - SCA Conservation internships <http://www.thesca.org/>
 - Lehigh Valley Commission transportation intern <http://www.kutztown.edu/acad/geography/PDF%20files/Internship-LVPC.pdf>.
 - Alumni Nate Hirsch has friend that works for EarthData International, a company looking for interns. <http://www.earthdata.com/home.php>.
 - Adam Bender looking for students interested in unpaid GIS internships for Ludgate Engineering Corporation in Reading, PA (Berks County)
 - Employee of the CIA interested in visiting to talk about employment in the Office of Transnational Issues, dealing with natural hazards
 - Other internship opportunities listed at http://www.geog.psu.edu/opportunities/internships_jobs.html.
- Yarnal brought up possibility of holding another member induction ceremony for qualified geography students. They must have at least 3rd semester standing, have taken 3 geography courses, and are in the top 35% of their class.
 - Daley presented the idea of holding the ceremony at the end of March or beginning of April
 - Vender mentioned that she will look into arranging for a guest speaker for that ceremony