

Constitution

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The University of Delaware's Geology Club

Preamble

We, the students at the University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as the Geology Club for the purpose of furthering our understanding of the earth and the processes which shape it.

Article I - Name

The organization shall be known as the Geology Club

Article II - Object

The object of the organization shall be to:

- Further our understanding of the Earth, how it was formed, its many systems, and constantly changing environments.
- Allow students a chance to learn in a relaxed environment and enjoy the outdoors.
- Teach basic outdoor skills such as mapping, orienteering and surveying.

Article III - Qualifications for Membership

Any full-time matriculated undergraduate student of the University of Delaware who agrees with the object and purpose of this organization may become a member.

Section I - Active Members

To be considered an active member you must:

Attend at least half (50%) of the meetings and 1 overnight trip per semester.

OR,

Participate in at least 1/2 (50%) of the trips per semester

OR,

Participate in club related activities, (i.e. fund raising)

Article IV - Officers and Elections

Section 1: President

The Geology Club shall have a president with the duties of calling and running meetings and handling day to day affairs.

Section 2: Vice-President

The Vice-President shall serve the role of president if the president is absent, unable to serve the duties of president, or if the president resigns or is assassinated.

Section 3: Treasurer

The treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The treasurer shall sign any checks written by The Geology Club or for purposes of The Geology Club and maintain all group ledgers.

Section 4: Secretary

The Secretary shall record the events of all meetings and shall maintain minutes of those meetings. The events and minutes shall be posted on the club's web page. The Secretary will take attendance of meetings as necessary.

Section 5: Qualifications for Officers

All officers must be full-time matriculated undergraduate's students at the University of Delaware.

Section 6: Elections

Elections for officers will held in the spring before Spring Break. Only active members of the Geology Club may vote in elections. Elections will be cast by secret ballot and tallied up by the secretary and confirmed by the president.

Section 7: Election voting ties

In the unlikely event of a tie,

1. Precedence will be given to the nominee with more club affiliation in terms of number of active semesters
2. An optional recount of votes may be administered by the members if so desired.
3. Member should reframe form electing co-official to any position

Section 8: Term of office

Officers will start position responsibilities at the start of the fall semester, to the end of the spring semester.

Article V - Meetings

The Geology club will meet once a week during the academic semester. Club meetings may be organized by the president of the club. The times and particular day in which the club will have meetings is based on the overall agreement of its member to the most workable time.

Role will be taken at the beginning of each meeting by the secretary.

The President will call the meeting to order and open topics for discussion.

The secretary will take minutes and record the items discussed during the meeting.

Posting of information from each meeting will be the responsibility of the secerarty.

Article VI- Bylaws

Section 1: Field trip Rules and Procedures

1. Confirmation of the number of people attending each trip will be determined by collecting a non-refundable deposit for each person attending. The amount of deposit will be determined by the President and will be proportional to the total cost of the trip. Deposits will only be refunded for trips canceled for reasons outside the control of club members. (e.g. weather)
2. The Geology Department van shall be reserved approximately a week in advance. (Note: University vehicles outside the department need to be reserved at least two weeks prior to a trip.) No vehicles shall be reserved without a minimal of five people definitely attending a trip. The department van must be driven by a graduate student in the geology department unless specific permission to the contrary is given.
3. Permission to use the Geology Department's equipment should be sought prior to its use for every trip. Equipment to be used should be itemized and recorded. Any equipment lost or missing upon return form a trip should be reported immediately to the appropriate faculty member. At no time is any member to abuse or mistreat the department's equipment.
4. A detailed list of members attending a trip, contact information, and any medical concerns should be copied in duplicate. One copy is to be left with the appropriate person or persons not attending and the other to be taken along.
5. It is the responsibility of every member attending a trip to see that the van is equipped with all necessary items. This includes, but is not exclusive to, tents, lanterns, coolers, trunks, maps, and first aid kits. Food for trips can either be purchased prior to departure or enroute to destination.
6. Prior to leaving Newark, DE, the person driving the van should stop a gas station, regardless of need, to ensure that the Fleet Management Card is in working order.
7. If stops are made along the way (i.e., roadside geology), care should be taken to stay clear of, and visible to oncoming traffic. No stops are to be made in areas that are potentially dangerous to club members (e.g., narrow shoulders with no guardrails).

8. Upon arrival, the club will check in with the appropriate party and the club shall set camp. All members are responsible for an equal portion of the duties involves with setting up and maintaining the camp. This includes, but is not exclusive to: pitching tents, making dinner and cleaning pots, pans, etc.
9. Any member who's conduct is disruptive in any fashion during field studies shall be warned of their behavior by the President the first time it occurs and instructed to make admen's. The second time such misconduct occurs that member shall be warned once again and advised to attend any future field studies. The third and final misconduct occurrence shall result in a dismissal from the club by officers and department.

Misconduct may include but not limited too:

Disruptive and dangerous actions during field studies.

Putting other members at any sort of safety risk.

Consumption of any illegal substances while on field studies.

10. Before departure of any field study site, a head count of attending members must be administered. No member shall be left behind for any reason other than to remain at campsite for opting to not participate in the day's activity.

Section 2: Ratification of Bylaws

1. Any changes to the bylaws set forth in this constitution, shall required the approval of all current officials as well as 2/3 approval from current active members.
2. Changes shall include, any new additional bylaws, deletion of an existing bylaw, and or alteration to an existing bylaw.
3. "Approval" of changes shall consist of a voting and discussion process conducted by club officers and club members.
4. Any bylaw alteration that may require department approval shall be the responsible of the current President.

Article VII Amendments

1. Any amendments to this Constitution shall require approval of the current officers and a vote form the current members.
2. A meeting shall be conducted to discuss the item(s) that are in dispute. Suggestion shall be addressed to the officers by any active member who may have suggestions or major disputes with any article of the Constitution.
3. Disputes will be taken under consideration by the officers, and decided upon if a club meeting is in order to discuss the matter. A discussion of the dispute or suggestion shall take place.
4. If a vote shall be required to change any article of the Constitution. An approval vote of 2/3 of the officers and active members shall be required for amendment.
5. The President and other officers shall conduct actual amendments to the Constitution.