

Geoscience Club of Clarion University

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Geoscience Club of Clarion University.

ARTICLE II. – PURPOSE

Reasoning for forming this organization is to allow students to incorporate themselves into something bigger than just schooling itself, allowing students to work together and build in experience, both in/out of the classroom, for their future careers. This organization would be a great opportunity for all students in Biology and Geoscience Department to meet new friends and get involved with the Clarion Community, as a whole, as well as get hands on experience in the geologic field, to gain personal insight and hands-on experience in the various Earth Science majors offered here at Clarion University. This including: Environmental Geosciences, Geology, Environmental Biology, and Geography majors. In turn, this will give a chance for students in this organization to explore other fields in our department and provide guidance to help create a path beneficial and suitable for all members. We believe people will want to join this organization to improve and expand their point of view on what exactly our department has to offer.

ARTICLE III. – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications for joining this club requires you be in the Biology and Geoscience Department and attend Clarion University. The club shall be open to all class standings. Grade point average will not be taken into consideration as a requirement for this club. The club will meet on a monthly basis. Those interested in joining the Geoscience Club should attend a club meeting and have verbal interaction with the President or other officer to discuss gaining membership.

Section 2. Membership to this club will require a \$10 fee once per semester to be a member in good standing, and to be able to participate in club activities. These fees will help cover the cost of field trips, guest speakers, student research.

Section 3. Members may be dismissed from this organization for failure to participate in club activities for which they previously enrolled without a valid excuse, missing more than three meeting in a row without letting officers know, failure to pay dues, or switching to a major outside of the Biology and Geoscience Department.

ARTICLE IV. -- DUTIES AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Section 1. **President**- Running meetings, organizing and overseeing activities

Vice President- Assist president, send emails, communicate with club members, and take president role if appointed president is unable to attend meeting or event.

Treasurer- in charge of finances, budget, and dues

Secretary- documentation of minutes, what takes place and attendance during meetings.

Section 2. Elections will be held at the end of each spring semester to determine who will be elected to the respected positions for the following year. Election will be ran by the club members and located on the second floor fishbowl in the Science and Technology Center building on the Clarion main campus. This will all be conducted under supervision of appointed advisor.

Section 3. Majority Rules.

ARTICLE V. – ROLE OF CAMPUS ADVISOR

Section 1. Advisor must be in the Biology and Geoscience Department. They will be responsible for attending all meetings and activities that take place. For example, if they Geoscience club were to go on a field trip the advisor must be present.

Section 2. The advisor can approve or deny potential activities that take place. They can expel members of the board if they think it is in the best interest of the Geoscience club.

ARTICLE VI. – MEETINGS

Section 1. There will be one meeting on the first and third Tuesday of every month. This will equal out to be about 8 meetings a semester.

Section 2. Including board members, there must be at least half of the club members present for motions to be passed at any given meeting.

Section 3. Majority rules.

Section 4. Informal setting where different officers will talk about specific activities, projects, trips, and fundraisers.

Section 5. Any officer or advisor could call a special meeting and they do not need to be voted upon for any important reason. A one day's notice will be given for any special meeting via email.

ARTICLE VII. – FINANCES AND FUNDING

Section 1. Membership cost once every semester.

Section 2. Fundraising will be a main contributor, however, in the event we do not raise enough money, loans will be asked of student senate.

Section 3. Fundraising will be held at least once a semester or more if necessary.

ARTICLE IIX. – AMENDING, SUSPENDING, AND ACCEPTING

These bylaws are subject to change if seen fit by a majority of the club members, but only for the benefit of the club as a whole.

ARTICLE IX. – RATIFICATION

These Bylaws, and its amendments, shall become effective upon ratification by the members of the Geoscience Club of Clarion University and following the approval of the Student Senate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, the vice president for student & university affairs, and the president of Clarion University.

These Mock Bylaws was formed from the various guidelines to constructing an organization's Bylaws and statements were taken from outstanding organizational Bylaws currently recognized by the Student Senate.

Student Organizational must function in compliance with their approved Bylaws. Any adopted changes to the Bylaws by a student organization must have written approval of the Student Senate, the Vice President of Student Affairs, and the President of Clarion University before they may be implemented.