TITLE: Special Allocation for the 2016 Fall Field Trip Organized by the Geology Graduate Student Organization (GGSO)

WHEREAS: The Fall Field Trip is an annual trip organized by the GGSO to visit an area with unique geological features that cannot be readily found in the state of Iowa, and thus represents an opportunity to broaden our knowledge through experiential learning of Midwestern geology, as well as to collect samples for use in lectures and community outreach.

WHEREAS: The geology at our proposed destination, Devil’s Lake State Park in Baraboo, Wisconsin, is marked by a number of textbook structural and hard-rock features (such as the Baraboo Syncline) and the Fall Field Trip represents the only opportunity for many GGSO members to see the area during their time at ISU.

WHEREAS: Out-of-state travel is expensive, and this expense is only partially defrayed by the Department of Geologic and Atmospheric Sciences: the department of Geology has pledged $300 towards our $1255.14 trip, and the balance must be covered by GGSO through additional sources of funding.

WHEREAS: The Fall Field Trip also serves as a mechanism for integrating new GE-AT graduate students into the social fabric of the department, and serves as a major selling point to future graduate students as to the quality of student life in the department.

WHEREAS: The Geology Graduate Student Organization restricts its membership to graduate students of the Geology and Atmospheric Sciences (GE-AT) department, and is therefore ineligible to receive funding via regular allocations. Let it be therefore,

ENACTED: That the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) allocates the amount of $955.14 to the graduate students of the Geology Graduate Student Organization to assist in covering the cost of vehicle mileage fees, campsite registration fees, campsite nightly fees, equipment rentals, and a small subsidy for communally cooked meals.
Proposed Budget: See attachment

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APPENDIX A: Excursion details

Figure 1: Route to Devil’s Lake State Park

Figure 2: East/West oriented view of Devil’s Lake, a glacially-derived feature created by the damming of a valley by a terminal moraine. This figure is oriented to show the East and West granitoid bluffs, high features that are particularly visible from the water. Red arrow on right denotes North.
APPENDIX B: Excursion budget

Itemized Budget for GGSO Fall Trip 2016: Devil’s Lake State Park

Reservation Fee Devil's Lake Campground: $9.50/site x 3 sites
$28.50
Campsite Fee Devil's Lake Campground: 3 sites @ $25.00/night for 3 nights
$225
ISU Vehicle Rental Mileage fee for a 15 passenger van: 566 miles @ $0.54/mile
$305.64
Food subsidy for communal dinners: $4/person/day for 3 days
$180
Equipment rental 2 canoes for use on Devil's Lake: $36/day x 3 days
$108
Equipment rental 2 kayaks for use on Devil's Lake: $36/day x 3 days
$108

Total: $955.14