Geology Feed & Feedback
April 26, 2011

7 Students attended – 4 are going to graduate students, 2 will be working in geosciences, 1 uncertain.

Student Questions/Comments

Courses

- Have a geology GIS class (WATS course is not very applicable.)
- Offer an emphasis in GIS.
- Could students take the Anthropology GIS class?
- Joel’s two GIS labs in geomorphology were great.
- Physics labs not very useful. Physics lecture is OK.
- Physics very useful for Tony’s (geophysics) courses.
- Undergraduates are aware of when courses will be offered.
- They like diversity of Geology upper division courses.
- They like back-to-back two credit courses.
- Should offer field camp every year. (All of students present had to go to other schools’ field camps.)
- Would like to learn how to use XRD and other equipment. Not covered in mineralogy.
- Would like to learn basic skills (e.g. Brunton, GPS, maps) early on in coursework.
- Overlap (e.g. Earth Through Time, Sed-Strat, Geomorphology sequence) not a problem.
- Geology courses fine. Many outside courses considered a time sink.
- Scheduling problems with outside courses.

Building

- Oldham room a communal room – hard to get work done.
- Rock room needs to be cleaned up. Geo Club could help.

Computers

- Need computers with Adobe Suite (we do have one), GIS software, Mathcad, Matlab.
- Need lists of available software.
- Need a computer “point person.”
- More computing power.
- Need GIS computer lab and emphasis.

Undergraduate Research
Three of seven students attending did undergraduate research.
Some learned about opportunity for undergraduate research too late.
Perhaps once per semester meet with undergraduates about potential research projects.
Could professors post potential research projects?
Could undergraduates be teamed with and assist graduate students?

Misc

Make undergraduates aware that they can reserve a classroom after hours for study and group projects.
Geo Club now moving forward.
Advisory Board career panel was great.
Liked willingness of department to help students attend scientific meetings.
Get Arc pads for field work (Or Palm or iPad)?