

**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)?