President’s Report: Ryan
- HSGA new webpage: http://www.med.uc.edu/hsga
- Contact Ryan if you are not receiving HSGA list serve emails (med-ohsgs@listserv.uc.edu)
  - First years: may not be receiving the emails yet, but the list server will be updated with the new students
- Graduate Student Research Forum (GSRF)
  - Date: October 27, 2015
  - Poster session: 9AM – Noon in CARE atrium
    - Cash prizes for poster award winners – this will occur after keynote speaker’s presentation
    - Abstracts are due Monday, September 28 at 5PM
  - Submit abstracts online: http://webcentral.uc.edu/gradresearch/graded/gsrf
  - Keynote Speaker: Bruce McEwen, PhD from Rockefeller University
    - Prestige neuroscientist that studies how stress affects the brain as well as how hormones alter mood and behavior
    - Seminar: Tuesday, October 27 at 1PM in the Kresge Auditorium in MSB
- The program in Medical Sciences – new undergraduate major located in MSB
  - Undergraduates interested in pursuing a PhD are paired with a graduate (or medical) student mentor
  - Mentorship will be primarily social in nature with graduate students sharing their experiments dealing with post-graduate studies.
  - Graduate students will be invited to various social events hosted by the Medical Sciences major throughout the year
  - We need 5-6 volunteers (preferably 1st/2nd year graduate students)
    - Please contact Ryan (makinsonra@mail.uc.edu) or Dr. Anil Menon (menonag@ucmail.uc.edu) if you are interested in becoming a mentor
- For more information on the Medical Sciences program: https://med.uc.edu/medicalsciences/major
- The HSGA currently has positions open for GSGA Representative and Webmaster
  - Contact Ryan if you are interested or know anyone that would be interested

Vice President’s Report: Nina
- If you have any issues with the travel awards, contact Nina and she will help
  - If you are presenting a poster at a Scientific conference, you are eligible to receive money ($400/year) to help pay for the expenses of travel

Treasurer’s Report: Katie
- We have $652 in our account

Social Chair’s Report: Jed Kendall
- Mac’s Pizza night
  - Pizza paid for
  - Open for all graduate students
  - Mac’s is located on McMillian
- Pavilion (Mt. Adams) event
  - Still planning event – more details will be released at a later date
  - We can rent a floor of the Pavilion for free, IF we spend over $500 in drinks
  - Look for emails regarding this event

Volunteer Coordinator’s Report: Keila Miles
- Ronald McDonald House
  - Changed their policy in terms of food preparation – the chef will now purchase the food and coordinate how to prepare the food with the volunteers
    - For dinner, you pay a $400 fee
    - For snack/lunch, you pay a $250 fee
- Marathons are coming up!
  - Volunteers can pass out water and encourage the runners
  - Look for emails regarding these volunteering opportunities
Committee on Graduate Education: Jessica Ross

- Committee meets once a month – if you have any concerns contact Jessica (ross2j4@mail.uc.edu)
- Issues with students on Fellowships:
  - Get paid once a semester and program coordinators are unable to see student pay records (only HR handles this)
  - Starting a taskforce to address the issue
- OPERS issue:
  - Every summer, students who are NOT paid via a fellowship have money taken out of their paycheck
  - This has an impact on the students in terms of paying rent and utilities
- Graduate student housing:
  - Very successful
  - Only issue is that the single rooms get filled, but the multiple roommates do not
    - Going to try to implement the possibility that upper classmen must add who they would be willing to live with and allow the first years to have the single rooms
  - September 15 – Post doctorate career fair in CCHMC
- HIPAA training:
  - On blackboard
  - All new students and those who have not done the training should do so

Dates for future HSGA meetings:
- September 24, 2015 – 5:15PM in MSB 2301
- January 28, 2016 – 5:15PM in MSB 2301
- February 25, 2016 – 5:15PM in MSB 2301
- March 31, 2016 – 5:15PM in MSB 2301