

**President's Report: Ryan**

- HSGA new webpage: <http://www.med.uc.edu/hsga>
- HSGA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Health-Sciences-Graduate-Association/136722072835>
- Contact Ryan if you are not receiving HSGA list serve emails ([med-ohsgs@listserv.uc.edu](mailto:med-ohsgs@listserv.uc.edu))
  - The Listserv was updated so if you still are not receiving emails, contact Ryan ([makinsonra@mail.uc.edu](mailto:makinsonra@mail.uc.edu))
- **Graduate Mentors Needed!**
  - 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 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year graduate students)
    - Please contact Ryan ([makinsonra@mail.uc.edu](mailto:makinsonra@mail.uc.edu)) or Dr. Anil Menon ([menonag@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:menonag@ucmail.uc.edu)) if you are interested in becoming a mentor
    - For more information on the Medical Sciences program: <https://med.uc.edu/medicallsciences/major>
- The GSGA currently has positions open for **Committee Representatives** throughout the university
  - A full list of these positions: <https://www.uc.edu/gsga/about/committees.html>
  - Contact the GSGA President (Ayac Mazman) at [president.ucgsga@gmail.com](mailto:president.ucgsga@gmail.com)
- Upcoming **GSGA events**:
  - Halloween party – Fries Café on **Oct. 30**
    - Dress-up in costume, games and prizes
  - Thanksgiving dinner – TUC Great Hall on **Nov. 24**
    - Need to RSVP to attend
    - Santa Ono usually makes an appearance
  - Grad pub at Catskeller on **January 29** (will have pool and poker)
- **Grad cafes** aka Coffee hour scheduled for **Nov. 10** and **Dec. 8** in **MSB 2301**
  - Huge turnout – will be requesting more food and snacks for future Grad Cafes
  - If you are interested in helping out, contact Ryan
- The Health Sciences Library has a new **Informatics Lab** (see attached pdf).
  - Based upon the list, are there any additional needs for graduate students for technology and education services?
  - Additionally, how can we encourage graduate students to utilize these resources?

**Vice President's Report: Nina**

- Speaker nominations for next year's GSRF will begin soon
  - Email will be sent to request nominations for GSRF keynote speaker for next year
  - Volunteers are needed for the selection committee
  - Contact Nina for more information ([bertauna@mail.uc.edu](mailto:bertauna@mail.uc.edu))
- This past GSRF, many students did not attend the keynote speaker's talk – how can we improve the turnout?
  - Suggestions are welcomed

**Treasurer's Report: Katie**

- We are requesting for more money from GSGA

**Social Chair's Report: Jed Kendall**

- Pavilion (Mt. Adams) event – was a success (lots of graduate students attended)
- Planning events for the next few months before the end of the semester
  - **Festival of Lights** (Cincinnati Zoo) – tentatively planned for Dec. 4 (Friday)
  - **Ice skating** (Fountain Square, Downtown Cincinnati)
- Email Jed for any suggestions on social events ([kendaljj@mail.uc.edu](mailto:kendaljj@mail.uc.edu))

**Volunteer Coordinator's Report: Kaila Miles and Matt De Gannes**

- **American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign**
  - Date: **Saturday November 7, 11:00am - 5:00pm (meet at TUC)**
  - About: Working with the Red Cross, volunteers will form teams and branch out to the Clifton and Corryville neighborhoods around UC to install free fire alarms in various homes. **The Red Cross is expecting to install 1,000 smoke alarms that day, but they need our help!** This is an excellent opportunity to work with fellow students and community members to be part of a nationwide campaign to reduce fire fatalities and related injuries. **The Red Cross is providing snacks for volunteers at the start of the event, and pizza afterwards** along with a shirt.
  - Contact Keila ([mileskl@mail.uc.edu](mailto:mileskl@mail.uc.edu)) or Matt ([degannmk@mail.uc.edu](mailto:degannmk@mail.uc.edu)) if you are interested!
  - You can sign up for this event here: <http://www.redcross.org/news/article/local/oh/cincinnati/Sign-up-to-be-part-of-our-Home-Fire-Campaign>. Please email Tonya Mohn ([tonya.mohn@uc.edu](mailto:tonya.mohn@uc.edu)) your shirt size.
- **Canned Food Drive**
  - Dates: **October 15 to November 20, 2015**
  - Where: There are bins in CARE, Kettering, MDI, MSB and Vontz
  - About: Please work with your respective departments where donation bins have been distributed to collect **canned non-perishable food items** to be sent to the Freestore Foodbank of Cincinnati, OH- an organization dedicated towards distributing meals to disadvantaged families in the states of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.
- **Relay for Life (American Cancer Society)**
  - Date: **Friday April 1, 2016**
  - Location: **McMicken Commons**
  - About: Every year, the American Cancer Society sponsors a nationwide event held at several campuses and organizations to raise awareness and funds in the battle against cancer. Teams of individuals devise exciting strategies to raise funds toward cancer research, and participate in the main event, where there will be games, food, and several fun activities for friends and families in the community.
  - **We need team members!** We have two team members so far, but we need at least a few more to plan and organize means of raising funds leading up to the main event.
  - Sign up by going to the **Relay for Life University of Cincinnati** webpage ([http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16EC?pg=entry&fr\\_id=73199](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16EC?pg=entry&fr_id=73199)) and searching for the team name **HSGA Cancer Bustahz**.

**Committee on Graduate Education: Jessica Ross**

- Committee meets once a month – if you have any concerns contact Jessica ([ross2j4@mail.uc.edu](mailto: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)
  - Hopefully they will be changing this so that those on fellowships get reimbursed monthly
- OPERS issue:
  - Unfortunately, nothing can be done with this – just be aware that every summer your stipend is reduced due to them taking money out and putting it towards “retirement”

- Board of regents program reviews for this year
  - Three programs are being reviewed currently (e.g., Cancer and Cell Biology, Environmental Health)

***Dates for future HSGA meetings:***

- January 28, 2016 – 5:15PM in MSB 2301
- February 25, 2016 – 5:15PM in MSB 2301
- March 31, 2016 – 5:15PM in MSB 2301