

**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](mailto:med-ohsgs@listserv.uc.edu))
  - First years: list server was updated with the new students; if still not receiving emails, contact Ryan ([makinsonra@mail.uc.edu](mailto:makinsonra@mail.uc.edu))
- **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 next week: **Monday, September 28 at 5PM**
      - Submit abstracts online: <http://webcentral.uc.edu/gradresearch/graded/gsrfr>
  - 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**
- **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/medicalsciences/major>
- The HSGA currently has positions open for **GSGA Representative and Webmaster**
  - GSGA Rep: Meet once a month on main campus and lunch is provided
  - Contact Ryan if you are interested or know anyone that would be interested
- 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 Oct. 12, Nov. 8, and Dec. 7 in MSB 2301
  - If you are interested in helping out, contact Ryan

**Vice President's Report: Nina**

- Akesson Teaching Award – given to a faculty member that exemplifies great mentoring skills and teaching
  - Nominations due: October 1
  - Award given to faculty member at the GSRF
- Speaker nominations for next year's GSRF will begin soon
  - Email will be sent to request nominations for GSRF keynote speaker for next year

**Treasurer's Report: Katie**

- We have \$154.28 in our account
- We can request for more money
- Mac's pizza night was a success: GSGA paid for the pizza and we paid for beverages

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

- Pavilion (Mt. Adams) event
  - Scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-11PM in the Penthouse
  - Event is free cover all night with drink specials
  - This is open to all graduate students (GSGA and HSGA hosting event)

- Buses will run from UC main campus to Mt. Adams Pavilion from 7PM-2AM (“Greater Cincinnati Night Time Route”) – can find the bus routes at: [www.uc.edu/af/facilities/services/shuttle.html](http://www.uc.edu/af/facilities/services/shuttle.html)

***Volunteer Coordinator’s Report: Keila Miles***

- Cincinnati Zoo Walk – Sept. 26 from 2-6:30PM
- Findlay Market Fall Food Fest – Oct. 11 from 10AM-4PM
- Habitat for Humanity will be tentatively scheduled as a spring semester event
- Relay for Life – HSGA is coordinating to put together a team
  - April 1 – Saturday evening on main campus
- Look for more emails from Keila about other volunteering opportunities

***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)
  - 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

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

- October 29, 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