

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/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**
- 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