1. President's report
   1) Safety updates
      I. NightRide expansion—Call 513-556-RIDE for service
         1. Three new vans purchased, brings fleet up to five (including one van that is wheelchair accessible)
         2. Expanded dispatch operation with additional personnel and new software to answer calls for service more speedily and allow us to better track usage of the service
            i. Still hiring students dispatchers—contact President Mazman if interested in interviewing for position
         3. During peak times, they are also contracting the Croswell bus company (who operates UC shuttle system) to provide additional vans—instead of 2-3 vans, they will now have 4-8 available for use
         4. Requested that General Assembly body provide feedback following these changes
      2) 2013 crime data is out
         I. Full report including the data for past five years will come out next month.
         II. A sneak peek into the data:
            1. 2013 UC student victimization in numbers:
               - 37 reported victims of robbery, 155 reported victims of burglary, 172 reported victims of theft.
            2. Past 5 years UC student victimization in numbers (burglary, theft, assault, robbery, rape, homicide):
               i. 5.4% of all reported crimes had international students as victims (a total of 159 reported crimes)
               ii. 59.3% of all reported crimes had male victims (a total of 1739 students)
               iii. 46% of all reported crimes had victims in their first year at UC (a total of 1359 students)
         III. No data / reports concerning graduate vs. undergraduate student victimization
            1. President Mazman brought this issue up with administration at Campus Safety Summit meeting—administration is working toward obtaining more data that reveals the populations affected
      IV. Crime rate going down around campus, but crime rate in District 4 (Ludlow area) has gone up slightly since December 2013
      V. Campus-Wide Security Assessment (UC has contracted Margolis Healy & Associates for the assessment)
         1. Student input session (open hours/drop-in session):
            WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in TUC 425
            i. Your input is critical!
            ii. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided
      VI. Input from body: Safety concerns outside / off campus—how influential is UC administration concerning student safety off campus
   3) Graduate student trustee
I. House Bill 111 passed in the Ohio House of Representatives in mid-December
   1. Resolution to include student trustees in meetings and allow these student representatives to have a vote / voice
   2. This bill must also pass in the Senate
      i. **Input from body:** Perhaps UC students could collaborate with other universities in Ohio who have student trustees to push the resolution forward in Senate

II. Board of Trustees is the governing body of the University
   1. They provide the final stamp of approval when it comes to big decisions
      i. For example, in 2015, there is a potential 2% tuition increase and Board will serve as a critical decision-maker

III. Josh Smith’s term (our current representative in the Board of Trustees) ends this academic year
   1. President Mazman and Mr. Smith created a formal application procedure and review process to fill our seat in the Board of Trustees
   2. Applications are now **open**

IV. **Basic qualifications for applicants** (per the Ohio Revised Code)
   1. Student must be in good academic, disciplinary, and financial standing with the University and must remain as such throughout the entire nomination period as well as their entire term of office
   2. All applicants must be a resident of the State of Ohio and must be at least 18 years old
   3. Applicant should be aware that all University records will be reviewed
   4. All applicants must be able to serve a **two-year term of office** as a registered student

V. **Required application materials**
   1. A one-page letter of intent including your college and expected date of graduation
   2. A résumé that includes contact information
   3. A grade release form, attached and signed
   4. A disciplinary release form, attached and signed
   5. **All applications are due to** president.ucgsga@gmail.com by **February 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

4) Diversity and inclusion action steps
   I. Constituents submitted input following December’s General Assembly meeting, President Mazman created a document and presented to the administration
      1. General Assembly presented document on 1/15/14 as well
   II. Provost, Deans Zierolf and Hanson, and Vice Provost Mehta of UC International were also presented with document during one-on-one meetings with President Mazman
   III. General Assembly charged to distribute document widely, collect feedback, and help GSGA keep the relevant parties accountable

5) Joint session meeting
I. Joint Session with Faculty Senate and Undergraduate Student Government will be held on **Thursday, February 13 at 3:30 p.m. in TUC 400abc**
   1. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY!**
   2. In the process of discussing what the topic of the meeting should be—President Mazman called for suggestions

6) Research Award
   I. Recipients were announced on December 20
   II. Review Committee awarded:
       1. 5 Interdisciplinary/Diversity Fellowships ($1500 each)
       2. 14 Regular Research Fellowships ($1200 each)
       3. 2 Partial Research Fellowships ($600 each)
   III. A gigantic thank you to our reviewers and congratulations to the recipients!

7) General business
   I. President Mazman met with Provost Davenport over break
      1. $25,000 for Research Award asked to be made a recurring part of GSGA budget
      2. Also requested more funding for Graduate Mentorship Program
   II. The News Record is featuring University of Cincinnati students each week this semester in the College Life section
      1. “Give us the name of a student and why their story matters to the UC community.”
      2. Email College Life Editor, Emily Begley, with story ideas at newsrecord.living@gmail.com

8) Events
   I. GSGA Welcome Back Happy Hour in Catskeller on **Friday, January 24th at 5:30 p.m.**
      1. GSGA will give $5 food vouchers to all graduate students who attend; there will also be a 10% discount in food
   II. In collaboration with our friends on East Campus and Main Campus, we are planning a Graduate Student Mixer in February, a Bowling Night in March, and a Talent Show in April
   III. We are also bringing the Grad Café to East Campus this semester (as well as Main Campus)—**STAY TUNED!**
   IV. Dissertation/Thesis Writing Group is going strong; please spread the word and put up the calendar of meetings in your offices

2. Vice President’s report
   1) New faces in body asked to introduce themselves

   2) Last semester in review
      I. Cricket / soccer tournament
      II. Revamping of Research Award and Group Grant application processes
      III. Grad Café created

   3) Call for complaints from body
      I. No responses
4) Event updates from GSAs
   I. Social Work: hosting speed mentoring sessions with social workers in the field—partnered with Alumni Association
   II. College of Nursing: hosting career fair
   III. Finance Department: hosting a conference
   IV. History Department: hosting 11th annual colloquium
   V. College of Pharmacy: hosting a poster forum
   VI. Chemistry: hosting speaker of the year to do a conference and talk back within the department
   VII. Math department: hosting bi-monthly happy hour

5) Input from body: could the Graduate School invite well-known speakers to do a campus-wide talk in, say, 5/3 Arena—speaker suggested was Neil DeGrasse Tyson

6) Grad Café will be hosted every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

7) Happy hour
   I. Every other Friday or every third
   II. Could they coincide with basketball games during the winter season and could basketball tickets be included?
      1. Happy hour could be hosted at Catskeller

8) General business
   I. Sign attendance sheet at every General Assembly meeting
   II. Each GSA must hold at least one meeting per semester

3. Treasurer's report
   1) 2013-2014 budget FYTD presented

   2) Please review rules of Travel Awards (particularly in regard to policy changes put into effect this fall)
      I. Clarification of Policy Changes as of October 2013
         1. Graduate Students a) whose conference travel is supported by departmental and/or advisor's external grants (including but not limited to federal, state and local government or industry grants awarded externally to UC), or b) who are traveling to a conference as an employee of such grants are no longer eligible for GSGA conference travel awards due to changes in University of Cincinnati student travel policy.
         2. If you are receiving additional funds from department/advisor, in order to claim GSGA travel award, please submit a copy of your OneStop bill reflecting the E-160 transaction for the dept/advisor's travel support. GSGA will not process the travel award unless a confirmation is received from the student in this regard.
         3. Group officers are requested to verify the documents before signing.

   3) Group Grants – call to submit more applications (only used 10% of Group Grant budget thus far)

4. Campus Ambassador's report
1) GSA meetings
   I. If you have a GSA meeting planned, please email Campus Ambassador (campusambass.ucgsga@gmail.com) the meeting details, as she would love to attend
   II. She certainly does not need to do any sort of presentation about GSGA, but it would be wonderful to have an opportunity to connect with GSAs and their constituents and be available to answer any questions about GSGA and, specifically travel awards

2) Events during spring semester
   I. If your GSA or department is planning a special event, please feel free to email any GSGA Executive Board member with the details of your event so a Listserv message can be sent and all pertinent information forwarded to the Graduate School to post in GradCURRENTS
   II. GSGA is here to help you promote your event