GSGA General Assembly Meeting
February 3, 2016

I. Graduate School
   a. Contact: Megan Tischner
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      Van Wormer 110
   b. Nominate a graduate faculty member for the Excellence in Mentoring of Doctoral Students Award
      i. Award winner recognized at Doctoral Hooding and Master’s Recognition Ceremony (speech by Provost); monetary prize
      ii. All nominees recognized on Graduate School website
      iii. Nominations due March 9 by 5 p.m. to megan.tischner@uc.edu
      iv. See http://grad.uc.edu/student-life/awards/mentoring.html for requirements and criteria
   c. Graduate Student Fellows: Funding and mentorship opportunity for PhD candidates
      i. Provides mentoring with senior faculty and $2,000 annually for up to four years
      ii. For PhD candidates aspiring to academic careers
      iii. passed qualifying exams
      iv. Applications due March 28 by 5 p.m. to lori.griffin@uc.edu.
      v. See http://grad.uc.edu/student-life/awards/fellow.html for eligibility and application form
   d. Graduate Student Expo & Poster Forum
      i. Still accepting registration for Fine Arts Gallery, Main Stage and Three-Minute Thesis competition http://grad.uc.edu/research/expo.html
      ii. Event is Friday, February 26 in the TUC Great Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by to support your fellow graduate students! (Pizza will be served around noon.)
   e. GradCURRENTS
      i. Want your event promoted in GradCURRENTS? Have a pitch for a feature article? Email gradcurrents@uc.edu.

II. Graduate Trustee Report: Debra Burgess
   a. Highlights of February 2, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting
      i. President Ono’s Report
         1. attendance on the continued community outreach for collaborative mentoring of Cincinnati Public School students through a pilot program that will begin this spring at UC Blue Ash with 40 student/mentor partnerships
         2. The student information system, Catalyst, has rolled out another function of the integrated system, financial aid.
         3. Six of UC’s online graduate programs have achieved top 50 national ranking including: nursing (8), taxation (4), criminal justice (14), business – non MBA (30), education (30), and engineering (49).
         4. The Board heard a presentation by Dr. William Barrett and Mrs. Carrie Hayden with regard to the University’s efforts to secure National Cancer Institute designation for the University within the next three to five years. A multi-faceted approach to fundraising, research community, and community at large involvement in the program were presented.
         5. The positive impacts of an NCI designation for the Cincinnati region include historically better than average outcomes for cancer patients, increased job opportunities for researchers, clinicians, and other medical
personnel, as well as a significant positive financial impact for the community.

b. Highlights of Board Resolutions Approved
   i. Prof. Patrick Limbach approved as Vice President for Research
   ii. Construction funding approved for the new Health Sciences building
   iii. Additional phase of renovations to Existing Campus Services Building approved
   iv. Approval of the formation of a working group committee to study the proposed move of the College of Law to The Banks riverfront development
      1. Concerns
         a. Transportation
         b. Those interested in obtaining Law certificates
         c. Dean Montrose encouraged students to Contact Nora Wagner: LLM Program concerning international students

c. New Board Officers
   i. With the retirement of Board of Trustees Chairman Thomas H. Humes, the Board unanimously approved the election of:
   ii. Rob Richardson, Jr., Chairman
   iii. Thomas Cassidy, Vice Chairman
   iv. William Portman, Jr., Secretary
   v. These individuals will serve a one-year term in these offices.

III. President’s Report: Ayça Mazman
a. Reminder
   i. Friendly reminder that the minutes for all our meetings can be found here: http://www.uc.edu/gsga/member_groups/general_assembly/minutes.html
   ii. Please review the minutes of the meeting you attend and give us feedback if you see any corrections that need to be made
   iii. Make sure to bring back information shared in the General Assembly meetings to your GSAs, either via email or in your meetings.

b. Graduate Student Board of Trustee
   i. The application for the Graduate Student Board of Trustee is now closed.
   ii. 4 Applications received.
   iii. Decided not to interview the candidates.
   iv. Will pass along the names to the Governor's office soon.

c. GSGA Executive Board Applications
   i. The elections will take place during our March General Assembly Meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd
   ii. Individuals interested in running for the following positions should submit an electronic copy of a résumé and brief letter of intent (as one pdf file) by Friday, February 26 by 5pm in order to be considered for candidacy.
   iii. Positions:
      1. President
      2. Vice President
      3. Treasurer
      4. Campus Ambassador
   iv. Materials should be sent to Ayça Mazman, at the following email address: president.ucgsga@gmail.com. Late applications will not be accepted. Please make sure to send the election announcement to your constituents.

d. UC Advancement Forum
   i. Monday, March 7 at 5pm in the Myers Alumni Center in the 2nd floor board room.
ii. The UC Alumni Association and UC Foundation wants to hear from students who are involved with the Graduate Student Governance Association about their experiences and perceptions regarding philanthropy at UC. Their goal is to understand how students give back to UC with their time, talent and treasure and how our alumni can best support current students.

iii. Please send a representative from your GSA to this meeting.

e. UC Task Force
   i. Final report is out

f. Proposal
   i. Proposed changes to the budget and organizational structure
   ii. Concern that too much money is going to support officers. We believe this proposal will allow GSGA to use its money more efficiently and become more self-sufficient.
   iii. Proposal: Passed to move forward on proposal and make by-law changes that reflect proposal ideas. Will present changes at next General Assembly meeting.
      1. Vote: 29-0-2

IV. Vice President: Sid Thatham
   a. Group Budget
      i. Every GSA is awarded $300 for community building activities.
      ii. Additional funding may be available upon request.

b. Group Grant
   i. Next submission deadline is **February 5, 2016**

b. Grad Café
   i. Next grad café is **February 15th 9-11** in Steger 693 (GSGA Office).
   ii. Next East campus grad café is **February 9th**
   iii. Thus far we have had 3 grad cafes on main campus and 3 on east campus (hosted by HSGA).

d. Upcoming Events
   i. Superbowl Party: Sunday, **February 7th at 6pm** at Mecklenburg Gardens
   ii. Grad Pub: March 4th
   iii. Worldfest Chess Tournament: March 9-11 Steger 683

e. GSGA Excellence Awards
   i. **Ceremony:** April 10 2016, 4pm TUC
   ii. **Deadline:** Feb. 05, 2016, 5pm
   iii. **Categories:**
      1. GSA of the year
      2. GSGA Service Awards
      3. Exemplary Scholarship Awards
      4. Exemplary Initiative Award
      5. Outstanding Int'l Grad. Student Awards

V. Treasurer: Abishek
   a. Unfortunately Abishek is having difficulties with his VISA and will not return from India until February 16th.

b. Reimbursements will be delayed. Please contact Ayca if you have concerns.

VI. Campus Ambassador: Katie Carstens
   a. Attendance
      i. Attendance is required!
      ii. 2 absences are allowed/ year (FALL & SPRING)
      iii. if you cannot attend please recruit another officer or GSA member to attend in your place
iv. Your group will be put on probation (will not receive GSGA funding) if you have more than 2 absences.

b. GSA Mtg./ Officer Check-In
   i. I will be sending out a google document AGAIN for you to set-up a meeting time with me!
   ii. Discuss what has been working well or not well with your GSA this year
   iii. Discuss 2016-17 GSA Registration and officer transitions
   iv. Discuss what you would like GSGA to improve next year
      1. Had a great meeting with PSGSA.