I. President’s Report: Ayça Mazman
   a. Changes to the Constitution
      i. Vote to eliminate Article V sections 6,7, and 8, regarding officer honorariums.
      ii. PASSED 25:0:5
   b. State of GSGA & Leadership Accomplishments
   c. Goals:
      1) Becoming more influential in the joint governance process (at local, state and national levels) University-wide representation
         ▪ In 2013 – 8 university-wide committees
         ▪ In 2016 – Over 30 university-wide committees (including a seat for the GSGA President in the Board of Trustees)
         ▪ Garnering interest in the GSGA and graduate student advocacy:
         ▪ International Student Welcome Conference (invited since 2014)
         ▪ College-level Orientations (either GSGA officers are invited or GSA officers present about the opportunities GSGA has to offer)
         ▪ GSGA-led Incoming Student Orientation with the assistance of the Graduate School (organized since 2014)
         ▪ But YOU are the BEST representatives of the GSGA!
         ▪ College-level representation for graduate students: Worked with A&S and now with CEAS to ensure that their college-level representatives are elected among them rather than assigned by the administration.
         ▪ Changed the GSGA By-Laws twice and the Constitution once in order to be able to work more efficiently
         ▪ We will now have paid representatives at the university-wide committees
         ▪ State-level Legislative Impact:
         ▪ HB111 of 2014: Cosigned a resolution with the undergraduate Student Government in support of it.
         ▪ HB183 of 2016: Still advocating for it. Not out of the committee.
         ▪ HB48 of 2015: Passed a resolution against it.
         ▪ National Association of Graduate And Professional Students (NAGPS): Represented UC in the annual conference in November 2015. Presented on the advocacy work we had done on graduate and family housing on campus.
            • #GradsHaveDebt
            • Legislative Action Days
            • Regional Conferences
      2) Supporting the academic goals of the graduate students to the fullest extent we can
         ▪ GSGA conference travel awards
         ▪ GSGA Group Grants
            o In 2012-2013 period: Available money $15,000 and only three deadlines throughout the year
            o In 2013-2016 periods: Available money $21,000/year and seven deadlines throughout the year.
         ▪ Research Fellowship
In 2012-2013, the Graduate School provided a total of $15,000 with the Office of Research to assist the GSGA create a Research fellowship.

In 2013-2014 period, we got $20,000 from these two sources for the Research Fellowship.

In 2014-2015, the amount was increased to $25,000.

In 2015-2016, the amount is $30,000.

- Work with a widely-accepted rubric in evaluating the applications and provide feedback to all applicants. The success rate is about %30 over the years.
- Graduate and Family Housing – from no housing to 222 Senator Place and over 70 units
- Advocacy for a graduate student space as a part of the Third Century Plan
- Advocacy with the CEAS students on reducing the fees and increasing stipends
- Advocacy to set a minimum for GA stipends university-wide
- Advocacy on diversity and inclusion initiatives (especially curriculum infusion and diversifying the graduate student population through recruitment)
- Advocated for better Health Insurance Plans

3) Creating a community through sustained events

- Garnering the support of Provost's office in order to get funding for our events (received $20,000 for the last three years per year)
- Countless Grad Cafes (in East and West campuses!), Grad Pubs
- Welcome Back Party
- Halloween Party
- Thanksgiving Dinner (1st annual Thanksgiving Dinner was held on 2014 with 175 people. 3rd annual Thanksgiving dinner had 375 people in attendance)
- 2nd Annual GSGA Day of Service
- GSA's using their group budgets for community building events with the members of their groups
- Increased social media presence (from 200 members to over 1000 members in our Facebook group)
- Restructuring the website, updating it regularly and creating a mobile-friendly design

II. 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.
      iii. Use your group budgets if you haven’t already!
   b. Group Grant
      i. Next submission deadline is May 13th
      ii. Previous deadline request for $5031
         1. CCM, SLP, and Fine Arts
   c. Upcoming Events
      i. East Campus Grad Café: April 7th 9-10, MSB 2301
      ii. West Campus Grad Café: April 12th 9-11, Steger 683
      iii. Grad Pub: April 8th, 6:30pm @ Fries
      iv. Philosophy and Psychology Speaker Series: April 13th, 5:30-7:30 in 5126 Edwards 1
      v. GSGA Excellence Awards: Ceremony: April 10 2016, 4pm TUC
d. Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence (PLME)
   i. Only undergraduates since 2002.
      • Grad. students - Spring 2017.
      • Timeline
      • Fall Sem: Call for application.
      • Deadline: Early December
      • Screening + Interview: Early Spring
      • Winners - February.
      • Recognition - End of Spring.

b. Registration
   i. Please view the registration procedures document at the end of the minutes.
   ii. If you have any questions, contact vice.pres.ucgsga@gmail.com

III. Treasurer: Abishek
IV. 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 with dates in April 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
GSA Registration Procedures 2016-17

SALD Requirements

Step I: Update your officer information on CampusLINK if you have not already. This includes updating positions and the primary contact to ensure the current officers are the officers listed on CampusLINK. **Deadline May 20, 2016.** This is a firm deadline. No exceptions will be made.

**CampusLink: [https://orgsync.com/login/university-of-cincinnati](https://orgsync.com/login/university-of-cincinnati)**

**If you have not elected new officers, you must still re-register with campus link. Please update campus link with new officers as they are appointed.**

Step II: Complete online RESET presentation. The currently elected President and currently elected Treasurer must complete the RESET process. When you register on CampusLINK, you will be directed to the online RESET training. There will be questions following the training to assure you understand the responsibilities of your organization.

**If you have not elected new officers, the current president and treasurer should still complete the training. When your organization updates CampusLink with officer changes, the new officers will be emailed and directed to complete the RESET training.**

What is RESET?

**RESET stands for Registration Enrichment Support and Educational Training.**

In the past, RESET presentations were held to educate the leaders of student organizations on the responsibilities as well as the privileges of registered student organizations. From this point on, RESET presentations will be in an online format only to accommodate student leaders' schedules.

Step III: Update your student organization’s information on **CampusLINK** and include the information below:

- Submit a copy of your organization's constitution and bylaws as one document (if corrections and/or updates have been made to the document)

**If your GSA does not have a constitution and by-laws, you may copy and paste GSGA’s constitution and bylaws. Make sure to state the following above the document, “Our organization is governed by the relevant parts of the GSGA’s constitution and bylaws.”**

Constitution: [http://www.uc.edu/gsga/about/constitution.html](http://www.uc.edu/gsga/about/constitution.html)

Bylaws: [http://www.uc.edu/gsga/about/constitution/bylaws.html](http://www.uc.edu/gsga/about/constitution/bylaws.html)
• Complete membership roster that includes students email address and University M numbers

Step IV: Verification Forms. To be determined. Be on the lookout for information regarding this form.

Step V: Review and if applicable respond to a communication your organization will receive from the Student Activities Board and GSGA. The communication will provide an update on your organization’s registration status.

GSGA Requirements

Step I: Complete the GSA Registration form via the following link:
http://www.uc.edu/gsga/member_groups/registration/registration-form.html

**Please do not fill this online form out until you have appointed new officers for the 2016-17 academic year.

Step II: Attend the GSA Officer Orientation Workshop hosted by the GSGA on September 3rd from 9:30-11:30. This is a mandatory workshop for all GSAs under the GSGA. At least one officer from every GSA must attend this workshop. Breakfast will be served.

** In the event that no officers from your GSA are available for the Orientation Workshop, at least one officer must attend the make-up workshop with the GSGA Treasurer. Please email treasurer.ucgsga@gmail.com to set up an appointment.