

Monthly HSGA Meeting

Wednesday, 26 August 2020

5 – 6 PM

***Please mute your mic upon entering the meeting**

***Please type your name and program in the chat at the beginning of each meeting.**

***Note if you are a program representative**



President's Report:
Kenyatta Viel
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About Me

- 4th Year Molecular and Developmental Biology
- Weirauch Lab
 - Studies the genomic consequences of genetic variations of EBV in immune Cells

COVID-19 & School Re-Entry

- Specific Study Rooms dedicated for student
- Have a plan for entrance and exiting the class to ensure social distancing
- Have assigned seats (use of sign templates for seats). Assigned seating facilitates contact tracing if this becomes necessary.
- All students wearing mask. [If not then cannot be in class]
- Self-monitor for COVID related symptoms daily.
- Plan for cleaning the surfaces before and after class (assign students to do this).
- Follow the guidelines for the elevator (2 per elevator) or stairs (use the appropriate up and down stairwell).
- Maintain social distancing while in the MSB/Kettering
- Be prepared to go 100% virtual in the event UC students test positive for COVID per further guidance from the University.
- Email COVIDwatch@uc.edu if you have symptoms

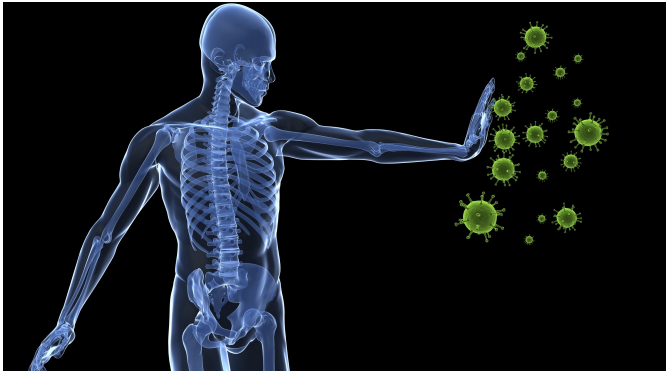
Program Representative Duties

- Constitution allows up to 2 voting representatives per *program*
- At *least* 1 **MUST** be at every meeting for that program to be eligible for GSG Conference Travel Awards
- Each program must have a short 1-2 slide introduction presentation of their program at an HSGA Meeting during the year
 - 2 per meeting
 - **Volunteers?**



Vice President's Report:
Audrey Crowther
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About Me



3rd year Immunology

RNA Splicing Patterns
in Cancer

I sign GSG Conference
Travel Awards



GSG Travel Awards

- Up to **\$500** per year for presenters
 - Fiscal year: (July 1st – June 30th)
- Up to **\$200** for non-presenters
- Virtual conferences are supported with these funds
- New Website
 - <https://www.uc.edu/campus-life/grad-student-gov/awards/conference-travel.html>

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Events

Graduate Student Research Forum (GSRF)

Oct. 21-23 (We-Fri.), Virtual

- Richard Akeson Award
- Virtual Lunch with Keynote Speaker
- Requested additional funding support from CCTST (hear back in 1-2 weeks)

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Events

Upcoming HSGA Meetings

Sept. 30 (Wed.), 5 – 6pm

Oct. 28 (Wed.), 5 – 6pm



Treasurer's Report:
Akaljot (AJ) Singh
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Treasurer's Role

- Track Budget
- Sign and submit reimbursement forms
- Sign travel award documentation for students represented by HSGA
- Assist other board members with their roles



Secretary's Report:
Marissa Smail
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Introduction

- Neuroscience Graduate Program
 - 4th year
 - Herman Laboratory
 - Molecular Mechanisms of Stress and Loss
 - Reading Campus

Secretary's Role

- Meeting minutes and summary emails for monthly HSGA meetings
 - Minutes and PowerPoint will be sent out by Friday
- Attendance Records
 - Program Representatives (2 per program; 1 required each meeting)
 - Other Attendees
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- Voting
 - Richard Akeson Award, GSRF Speaker, Officer Elections
 - 2 votes per program
- Officer Reports

Social Event Chair's Report: **Open Position**

Brief Overview of Role

- Planning external events during the year
 - Ballet
 - Happy Hour
 - Plays
 - Etc.



Philanthropy Chair's
Report:
Thomas Gerding
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Bio:

- 2nd year PhD student in the Environmental and Industrial Hygiene program within the DEPHS
- Research: Electronic cigarette research related to occupational and PH exposures while at vape shops/hookah lounges.
- B.S. in ENV. Sci. from NKU and MPH from EKU

Role and Overview and Events

- Organizes external philanthropy events (in a normal world), such as:
 - Relay for Life-related events
 - Miami River Clean-Up
 - Holiday Concert (with the Social Event Chair)
- Have tried to contact CCM unsuccessfully regarding the Holiday Concert and still waiting to see if this will even be on the radar.

The Environmental & Industrial Hygiene program
of University of Cincinnati

HSGA & University of CINCINNATI
PRESENT

UC To SNC
Food Pantry Fundraiser

Now - 4/30/2020

Benefitting: Springdale Nazarene Church's food pantry

Donations can be made through Venmo at:
UCtoSNC

Where: SNC Norwood is located at:
4424 Floral Ave. Norwood, OH 45212

Why: To replenish food stuffs to a
local community food pantry during
the ongoing pandemic.

Who: You! It is during this time that
we can stand together and provide
for those in need!



Social Media Chair's
Report:
Martha Dua-Awereh
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About me

- Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY (Family hails from Ghana)
- 5th year Systems Biology and Physiology PhD Candidate
- Completing Dissertation Research in Tucson, AZ at University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson
- Interested in Translational Medicine & Research
- Study gastric ulcers and whether aging determines susceptibility of gastric ulcers following *H. pylori* infections

Duties

- Collect officer headshots and submit updates for the HSGA Website
- Manage HSGA Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Update HSGA Google Calendar
- Stay updated on relevant info from GSGA Facebook page
- Work with Social Event Chair and Philanthropy Chair to promote HSGA Events

Updates

- Officer headshots and updates for the HSGA Website (in progress)
- Welcome Back/First HSGA meeting promoted on HSGA Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Updating IFTTT to link automatic posting of upcoming events from HSGA Google Calendar to HSGA Facebook and Twitter
- Updating calendar with upcoming events

Dean's Council
Representative's
Report:

Zana Percy

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About Me

- Fifth year student in the MD/PhD program
- Third year in the Epidemiology PhD program

- I research exposure to flame retardant chemicals during gestation and the endocrine and neurobehavioral consequences for children as they grow up

The Dean's Council: What are these meetings?



College administrators and department chairs (the Dean's Council) meet once a month at 7 AM to discuss COM business




They generally talk about high-level policies, college and department goals, and budgets



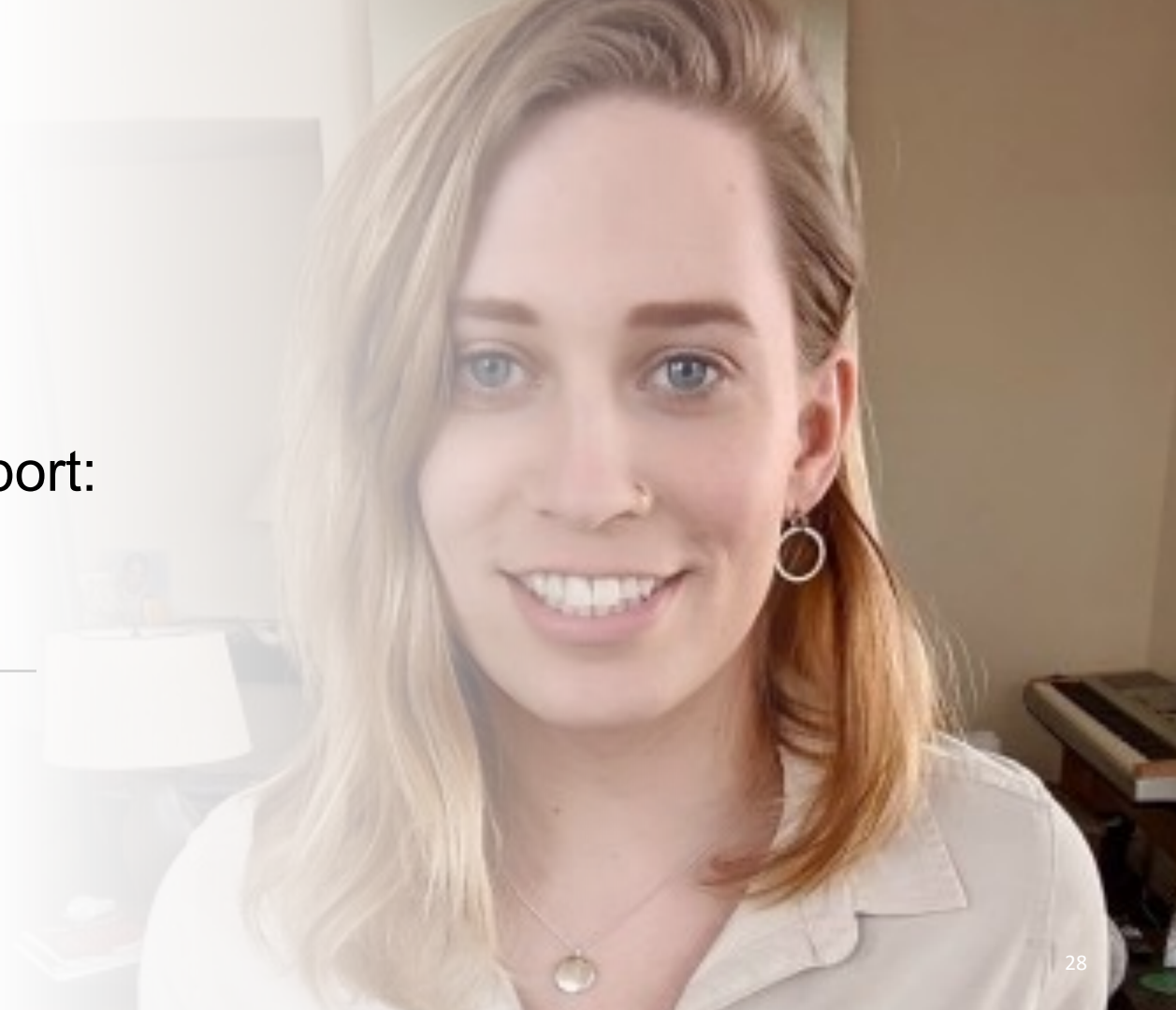
I attend the meetings and take notes to help keep graduate students informed



I make a yearly presentation about the HSGA to the Dean's Council to promote collaborations and support for our group



Graduate Student
Government (GSG)
Representative's Report:
Clair Kronk
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Introduction

- **Fourth year in Biomedical Informatics (BMI)**
- Research focusing on **LGBTQIA+ discrimination in healthcare**
- Creator of the **Gender, Sex, and Sexual Orientation (GSSO) ontology**
- Member of the AMIA Diversity and Inclusion Task Force and SNOMED Mental and Behavioural Health Clinical Reference Group
- Collaborations with the GLBT Museum and Archives, AIDS History Project at UCSF, OutHistory, and the Digital Transgender Archive
- Previous work with MPI for Developmental Biology, Air Force Research Lab, Nationwide Children's, and Kerrigan-Lowdermilk (I'm a musical theatre nerd at heart)

LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Group

- Closed queer graduate student group
- Events, policy updates, etc.
- Secret group, since many members aren't out to family
- Add me (Clair Kronk) on Facebook and message me to join!
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/252212308706821/?ref=bookmarks>



Committee on Graduate Education (CGE) Student Representative



Sandra Koigi

2nd year student – Molecular and
Developmental Biology
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Role Description:

- Attend monthly meetings with the College of Medicine Office of Graduate Committee on Graduate Education.
- Represent student concerns and policy recommendations.

Diversity Efforts

- Dean that they there is no money for diversity advocate roles.
- No diversity committee dedicated to Graduate/ undergraduate education.
- It was recommended that all the program directors draft a letter on diversity issues which will be sent to the dean.

Student Mentor Agreement

- Going through final revisions
- Agreement for rotations

Arrival of International Students:

- Must undergo a quarantine of 14 days
- Some embassies are yet to open

CGE minutes August 2020

Recruitment

- Midwest Recruiting Event
- Graduate Education program leaders should submit a maximum of 15 minutes video introducing themselves.
- National Postdoc association event starting September 21st.
- Fall career class will be virtual.

Student Health Insurance:

Issues with coverage:

- Signatures- Catalyst issue?
- Charged prematurely vs left uncovered for a few days

Graduate Student Forum

- October 21st 22nd and 23rd
- The presentation will be for 5 minutes and questions will be for 2 minutes.
- The title and author will be submitted Instead of submitting an abstract.
- Rubric is being revised currently (possibly will adopt the NIH scoring scale)
- There possibly will be more prize money.

CGE minutes August 2020

Study rooms

- Limited to 10 people per room.
- Students book online for a maximum 3 hours per day.
- Each program should identify study spaces for graduate students.

New CoM Website

Concerns about website layout:

- Not eye-catching
- Programs sorted into departments
- Redirects and landing pages

Face to face and online classes

- Classrooms will be provided with cleaning supplies and 'Do not sit' signs.
- Where a student sits will be tracked.
- The rooms will be cleaned every day.
- On campus testing for students will be at West Campus Common Edge North. (Students do not need a doctor's note and it is free).
- Grading from Pass to conventional grading may be reinstated as the students are likely to be used to the online system. However, a pass grade may be applied to some students at the discretion of tutors.

HSL Committee Representative's Report: **Open Position**

Brief Overview of the Role

- Discuss Health Sciences Library (HSL) courses and events
- Communicate about workshops students might like to attend/establish

Application Process

- If interested, please email Kenyatta Viel and Audrey Crowther:
 - vielkc@mail.uc.edu
 - Audrey.Crowther@cchmc.org
- Please include a CV

Thanks for Coming!

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Concerns?
- Email: uc.hsga@gmail.com
- Instagram: [uc.hsga](https://www.instagram.com/uc.hsga)
- Twitter: [@HSGA_UofCincy](https://twitter.com/HSGA_UofCincy)
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