

Monthly HSGA Meeting

Wednesday, 27 January 2021

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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Elections

- At March General Assembly Meeting
 - Wed., 31st March
- If interested, email Kenny and Audrey with your first 3 choices of role
- Send a CV and a paragraph about why you're interested by 13th March
- Trickle-down elections (first choice first, then second choice, etc.)
- If contested, prepare 2 min. pres. for day of election
- 2 votes per program for representatives and 1 vote for each of executive board

Elections

- President requires 1 year on board in another role first
- All other roles are available
- Executive board roles are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
- Any questions? Email me: vielkc@mail.uc.edu

Elections

- Chairs are: Social Event Chair, Philanthropy Chair, Social Media Chair
- Representatives are: Dean's Council Rep., CGE Rep., GSG Rep., HSL Committee Rep.



Vice President's Report:
Audrey Crowther
Audrey.Crowther@cchmc.org

GSRF Speaker Nominations!

Nominations can include:

- someone whose talk you enjoyed
- researcher you met at a conference
- the host of any of your favorite science podcasts!

Please send your nominations to me at audrey.crowther@cchmc.org by **Thursday Feb 18th**



Treasurer's Report:
Thomas Gerding
gerdintr@mail.uc.edu

Treasurer's Report:

- Spring Budget:
 - \$300 left over from fall semester budget
 - \$100 new semester allocation
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- \$400 Total for Spring Semester



Secretary's Report:
Marissa Smail
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Social Event Chair's Report: Open Position



Philanthropy Chair's
Report:
Thomas Gerding
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Upcoming Events

- HSGA Winter Concert follow-up:
 - We held the concert Saturday, 12/12/2020.
 - We raised nearly \$300 for the American Cancer Society!
- Potential Spring Events:
 - In talks with the Cincinnati Park Board for possibly having a tree planting event this spring (Earth Day?)
 - Suggestions?
 - GSG grants available!




Social Media Chair's
Report:
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Dean's Council
Representative's
Report:

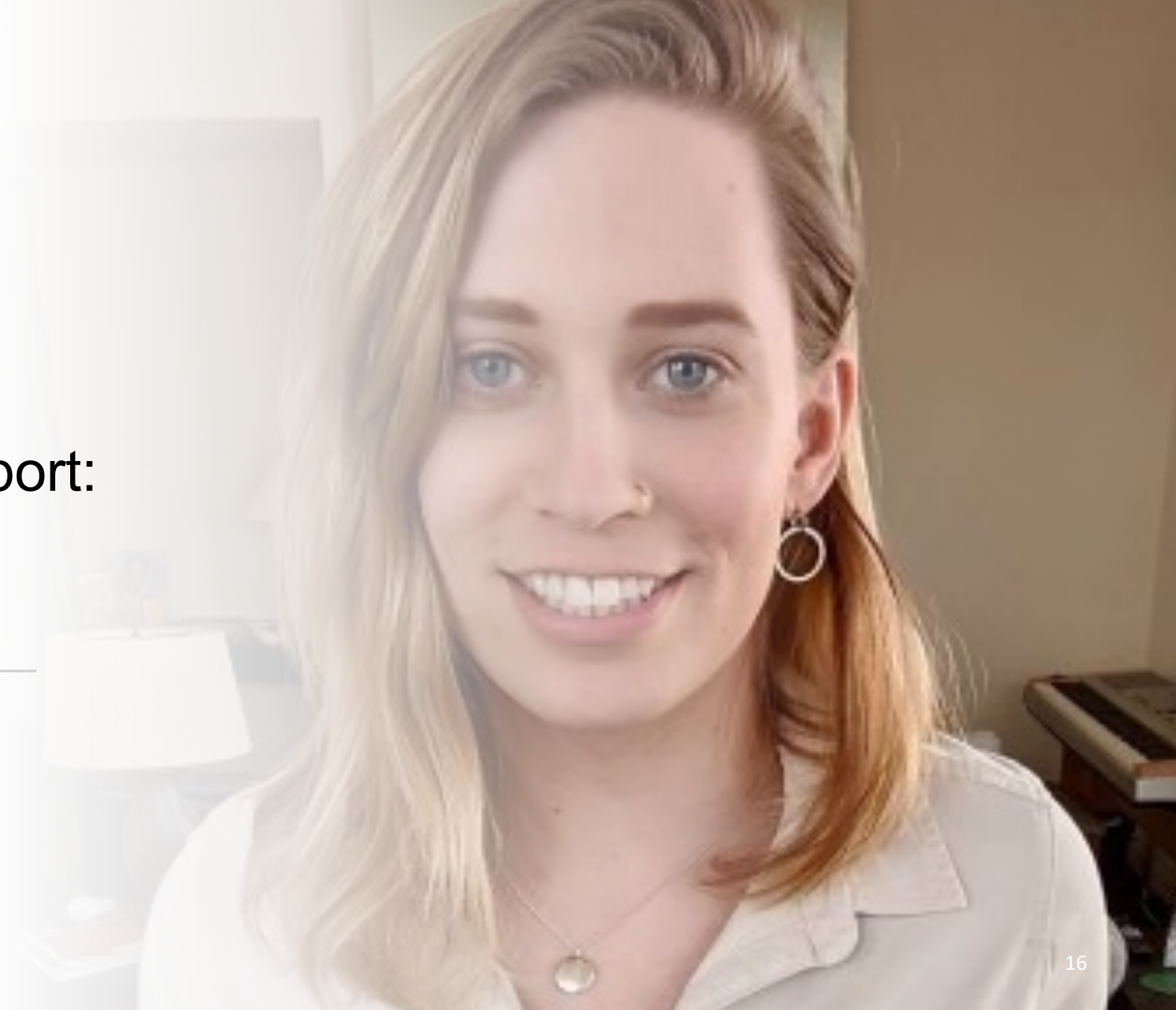
Zana Percy

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

- GSG meetings have been moved online for the time being
- Representatives for GSAs are made panelists; but anyone can attend as an attendee (however, only representatives can vote and/or cast motions)
- Over 90 submissions for research fellowship, rewards planned on being announced by end of February
- Provost search committee is happening
 - Apparently prioritizing graduate student health (finally)
- New website (<http://www.uc.edu/campus-life/grad-student-gov.html>), since old website is down
- GSG has rejoined* SACUB

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- Tele-mental health (video conferencing)
 - Appointments within 2-3 days
 - Crisis services and 24/7 after-hours support
 - No walk-in services; doors are NOT open
- Student health insurance: CAPS continues to be free
- Other insurance: \$35/session (or free if you can't afford; ask for a waiver)
- For appointments, call main number on CAPS website between 9am and 4pm

COVID-19 Updates

- UC COVID Check App / Self-report
- CCHMC Mon-Fri check-in (only if on-site)
- Vaccine rollout discussions are beginning: grad students are second priority after faculty, staff, and students over the age of 65
- Testing for the app must be on campus (off-campus testing will receive yellow marks and have limited access)
- Spring Break has been cancelled, but there will be 2 reading days added, Feb. 16th and Mar. 24th
- Spring classes end Apr. 21st, final exams Apr. 22nd-27th

A Call to Action for Racial Equity for the Black Community at the University of Cincinnati

- GSG has officially endorsed.
- Response has been slow, with no official word from faculty or admins; a committee is being formed.
- It is unknown what will happen when the committee produces a report or what will then happen with that report.

Gender and Pronouns in Catalyst

- Added haphazardly without much documented trans and gender-diverse input; some things are problematic
- Met with Dean Guardia and brought up Dean Cummins as well; no response, and little action overall

Bearcat Pantry

- Large increase in usage
- Items include fresh produce, dry and canned goods, clothes, hygiene products, etc.
- Call for volunteers to help with deliveries (once a month-ish)
- Register at BearcatsPantry@ucmail.uc.edu
- Going to the pantry is appointment only right now: <http://bearcatpantry.yourcanbook.me/>

Graduate Student Trustee

- Non-voting member of the Board of Trustees
- 2-year term
- Must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Ohio
- Jack Cohen is current trustee; but will be leaving soon
- Contact at Cohen2jk@mail.uc.edu if you're interested

Other News

- Bearcat Emergency Fund is apparently not available if you have a Catalyst balance; contact Dean Cummins if you run into this issue
- Student Health Insurance Feedback is being collected (https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bC4i9cZf60iPA3PbGCA7Y9_j6jb92vxGj_UNcFaJZHtUODJKMUxDT0Q2NEINNjhWVFhQTUNRNTRZWC4u); please fill out if you can!!!!
- GSG is calling for all election days (local, state, and national) to be university holidays (resolution passed unanimously)
- GSG elections are 3 March 2021!



CGE Representative's
Report:
Sandra Koigi
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CGE meeting December

Mental Health Champions Program

- Aiming to increase faculty awareness of mental health students that students face
- Faculty will attend orientation session

Mental Health in General

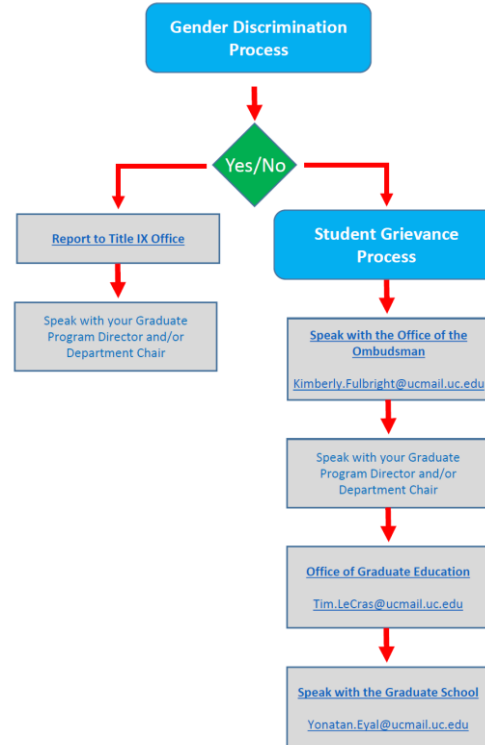
- CAPS adding additional counselors
- May get a counselor embedded in the CoM
- May get counselors to refer students to external sources if wait time is too long.

Student- Mentor Agreements

- Deadline for current student completion March 2021
- Program coordinator send blank agreement to student who then prints it and works with mentor to establish date/ time to sign (better to do the signing physically)
- Program director and Office of Graduate Education will keep the hard copy

CGE meeting January

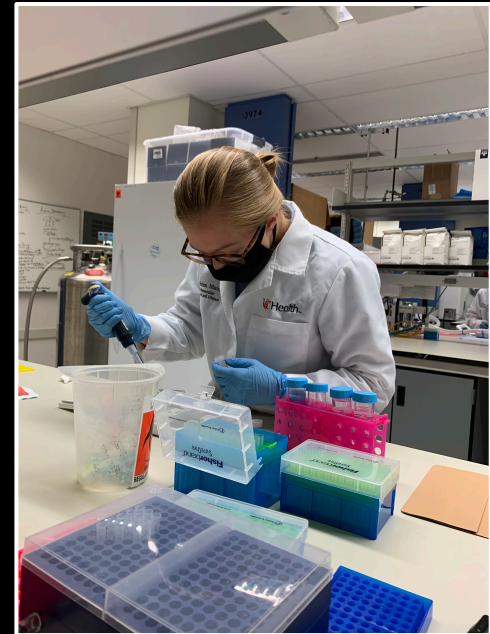
- **Student Grievance Process** added on Student Support/ Resources.
Examples of issues brought up:
 - Should add 1 for Race and Religion
 - What happens is student does not want to bring issues up through university?
 - Students do not know about 'Title IX office' 'Office of the Ombudsman'
 - How should minority students who face sexual harassment report their grievance.



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

Pathobiology and Molecular Medicine (PMM)

- The **Graduate Program in Pathobiology & Molecular Medicine** offers a course of study in biomedical research leading to the Ph.D. degree. The program is administered by two clinical departments: Pathology and Internal Medicine.
- Currently the PMM program has 21 students
 - 6 students successfully defended their thesis in 2019-2020
- Current PMM students have been successful in obtaining external funding
 - (4 T-32 awards, 1 F-31 award, 1 Yates Fellowship, and 2 Graduate Dean's Excellence awards.
- In 2019-2020 there were 19 peer-reviewed articles published which featured PMM graduate student work



Curriculum

- The PMM program offers unique courses required for all students
 - Methods in Biomedical Research
 - Medical Histology
 - Immunology of Disease
- Students are required to attend weekly PMM seminars, Department of Internal Medicine seminars and weekly journal club



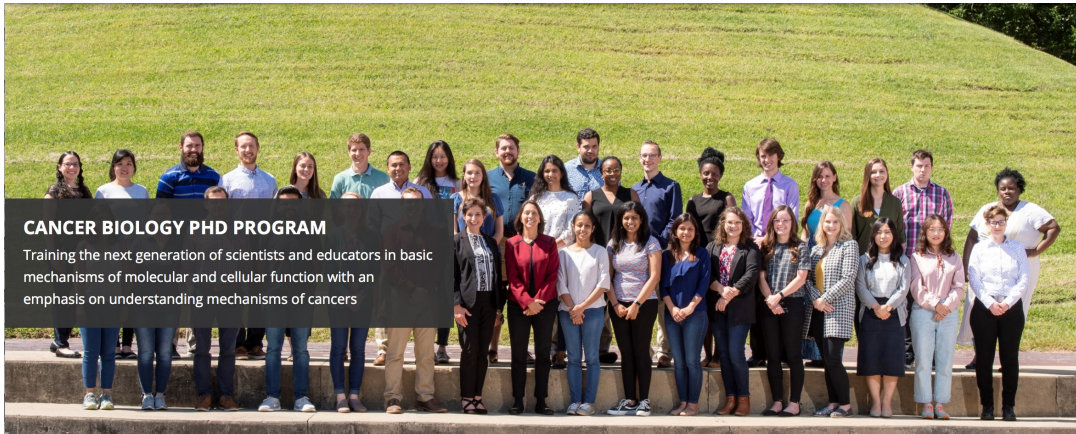
Outside the Lab

- Dinner at a professor's house (annual)
- Starting to plan for zoom game nights



University of Cincinnati Cancer and Cell Biology Program

- 34 students; classes of 4-8 students
- Average graduation time: 5.5 years
- Academic Student meetings: Weekly seminar, annual retreat
- For fun: Cincinnati Sports games, Cincinnati Zoo Festival of Lights, among others



Thanks for Coming!

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Concerns?
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