The Chapter Annual Report covers activities from Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) and allows the chapter to provide the officer list and other important chapter information for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)

Chapter ID Number: 45
Date Report Finalized: 10/20/2016

Chapter Name: University of Cincinnati
Region: NC
Constituency: Research/Doctoral Univ (RD)

Current Fiscal Year
Active Members: 87
Inactive Members: 925
Initiates Elected: 2

Previous Fiscal Year
Active Members: 136
Inactive Members: 872
Initiates Elected: 12

I. Good Standing Status: Yes
   1. Current officers on file? Yes
   2. Delegate sent to at least one of the last 3 annual meetings? Yes
   3. Chapter Annual Report on file? Yes
   4. At least one new initiate in the last 2 years? Yes

II. Local Support Payments from Sigma Xi This Year: $2748.00

III. Chapter Officers

Officers for Fiscal Year 2016

President Pixley, Sarah K. (sarah.pixley@uc.edu)
Vice President Dietsch, Craig W. (dietcc@ucmail.uc.edu)
Treasurer Matter, Stephen F. (mattersf@ucmail.uc.edu)
Secretary Vonderheide, Anne M. (pawleca@ucmail.uc.edu)
Administrative Assistant Vonderheide, Anne M. (pawleca@ucmail.uc.edu)
Contact Officer Pixley, Sarah K. (sarah.pixley@uc.edu)

Officers for Fiscal Year 2017
IV. Delegate for Upcoming Annual Meeting

To remain in good standing, the chapter must send a delegate to at least one Annual Meeting every 3 years.
Date the chapter last had representation at the Sigma Xi Annual Meeting: 6/2/2014
Delegate:

V. Chapter Operations

Identified new chapter leaders? Yes
Developed a chapter leader succession plan? Yes
Increased the number of members involved in or attending chapter activities? Yes
Reached out to inactive chapter members? Yes
Nominated new faculty, researchers or institutional leaders for Sigma Xi membership? Yes
Sent a student to the Sigma Xi Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference? No
Had a student involved in the Student Research Showcase? No
Communicated with chapter members via the Sigma Xi online chapter community? No
Communicated with chapter members via an electronic newsletter? Yes
Chapter mentored another chapter? No
Chapter worked with high school students? No

VI. Chapter Activities

Would you like to self-nominate the chapter for a chapter award? No

Activity Type: Chapter Networking Event
Name of Activity: UC Sigma Xi Fall Mixer
Activity Date: 10/21/2015
Activity Details: The fall mixer included networking opportunities during a cocktail reception, recognition of new members, a call for officer nominations, recognition of National GIAR Awardees, and presentations by the GIAR graduate awardees for 2016.
Activity Was: 100% sponsored by chapter
Activity Participation: 50
Activity Participation Percentage: 80
Activity Years Occurring: Continuing
Activity Chapter Health: Yes
Activity Share Details: Yes
Activity Target Audience: Undergraduates, Graduates, Professionals, Members, Community/General Public
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Activity Type: Grants-in-Aid of Research
Name of Activity: Graduate Student Grants-In-Aid of Research
Activity Date: 2/23/2016
Activity Details: The UC Sigma Xi chapter is accepts applications from full-time matriculated undergraduate and graduate students for Grants-in-Aid of Research awards in all areas of science and engineering. Three-four awards are made annually. Students use the funds for travel expenses to and from research sites, to present research results at a national science or engineering meeting, or for purchase of consumable research materials and supplies or non-standard laboratory equipment necessary to complete a specific research project. Funds are not used for stipends or salaries. Recipients must be a full-time UC student, but are not required to be an Associate Member of the Sigma Xi (Honorary) Research Society at the time of application. Applicants are encouraged to apply for Associate Membership in Sigma Xi under the sponsorship of a Full Member. Each recipient’s primary faculty research project mentor must be an active (dues-paying) Full Member of Sigma Xi (National and UC Chapter). Students who have received a UC Chapter or National Sigma Xi grant-in-aid-of-research (GIAR) award within the last two years are not eligible for a UC Chapter award.
Activity Was: Created and organized by chapter
Activity Participation: 15
Activity Participation Percentage: 100
Activity Years Occuring: Continuing
Activity Chapter Health: Yes
Activity Share Details: Yes
Activity Target Audience: Undergraduates
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Activity Type: Chapter Award
Name of Activity: Young Investigator Award
Activity Date: 2/5/2016
Activity Details: The UC Chapter of Sigma Xi receives nominations annually for the Sigma Xi Young Investigator Award. This annual award, presented in conjunction with the Office of the Vice President for Research, recognizes a junior faculty member at UC for their early career distinguished research accomplishments in a field of science or engineering appropriate to Sigma Xi. This award is made possible by the Violet M. Diller Endowment to the UC Chapter of Sigma Xi and the Office of the Vice President for Research. The Young Investigator awardee is announced at the Fall Sigma Xi Chapter Mixer and then presents a talk at the Spring Sigma Xi Chapter Mixer, to the general public.
Activity Was: Created and organized by chapter
Activity Participation: 3
Activity Participation Percentage: 100
Activity Years Occuring: Continuing
Activity Chapter Health: Yes
Activity Details: The UC Chapter of Sigma Xi announced a new award for 2016. This award was created by the UC Chapter with the desire to recognize the altruistic acts of our young scientists and engineers. Outreach can have a significant impact in promoting and enriching the public understanding of science, technology, engineering and math. This is an extremely important and honorable activity that we feel deserves recognition. We were happy to award this to Dr. Kenneth Bader, a postdoctoral student. The awardee received a certificate and check for $250. The monetary award was made possible through matching contributions from the Sigma Xi National Office and the Violet M. Diller Endowment to the University of Cincinnati Sigma Xi Chapter. An announcement of the award was also made to the awardee at the UC regional Science Fair in the spring. The awardee was also encouraged to invite, to the UC Chapter Spring Mixer, individuals who were instrumental in their nominating package, as well as their family and friends. They were also encouraged to bring a demonstration of their activity.

Activity Type: Science Fair
Name of Activity: High School Science Fair Awards
Activity Date: 3/19/2016
Activity Details: The UC Chapter of Sigma Xi provides judges and gives awards to Sigma Xi member-selected outstanding High School students for their Science Fair project presentations (posters) at the Regional (Southwest District) Science & Engineering Expo that is held at the University of Cincinnati each spring. In 2016, 6 awards were given, at $50.00 each, from UC Chapter funds.

Activity Was: Created and organized by chapter
Activity Participation: 8
Activity Participation Percentage: 25
Activity Years Occuring: Continuing
Activity Chapter Health: Yes
Activity Share Details: Yes
Activity Target Audience: K-12
Activity Type: Chapter Annual Meeting
Name of Activity: Spring UC Chapter Mixer/Meeting
Activity Date: 3/17/2016
Activity Details: The spring mixer serves as our annual meeting and includes networking opportunities during a cocktail reception. We announced and recognized new members, and the graduate student Grants in Aid of Research winners, and the winner of a new award for our chapter, an Excellence in Outreach Award, that goes to either a graduate or postdoctoral student. Also at this meeting each Spring, the Young Investigator faculty awardee presents a public lecture during the meeting. Prof. Joshua Gross gave the lecture in Spring 2016 and was presented with a $500 award. This event starts with a mixer of food and drink and we invite the entire UC community, members and non-members. The winner of the Excellence in Outreach Award, Ken Bader, demonstrated his activity that he presents to students during his outreach activities.
Activity Was: Created and organized by chapter
Activity Participation: 50
Activity Participation Percentage: 80
Activity Years Occuring: Continuing
Activity Chapter Health: Yes
Activity Share Details: Yes
Activity Target Audience: Undergraduates, Graduates, Professionals, Members, Community/General Public
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Activity Type: Sigma Xi Distinguished Lectureship
Name of Activity: Invited Seminar
Activity Date: 4/8/2016
Activity Details: The UC Sigma Xi chapter provided sponsorship and funding towards bringing in a distinguished lecturer, Dr. Nora Noffke from Old Dominion University. Her talk was entitled “Turbulent lifestyle: Cyanobacteria on Earth's sandy beaches, today and 3 billion years ago”.
Activity Was: Co-sponsored
Activity Participation: 60
Activity Participation Percentage: 20
Activity Years Occuring: New
Activity Chapter Health: Yes
Activity Share Details: Yes
Activity Target Audience: Undergraduates, Graduates, Professionals, Members, Community/General Public
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