# SIGMA XI CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

The Chapter Annual Report covers activities from Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) and allows the chapter to provide the officer list and other important chapter information for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) Chapter ID Number: 45 Date Report Finalized: 9/30/2015

Chapter Name: University of Cincinnati

Region: NC Constituency: Research/Doctoral Univ (RD)

#### **Current Fiscal Year**

Active Members: 174 Inactive Members: 831 Initiates Elected: 12

#### **Previous Fiscal Year**

Active Members: 197 Inactive Members: 505 Initiates Elected: 11

#### 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: \$2829.80

#### **III. Chapter Officers**

Officers for Fiscal Year 2015

President Holland, Christy K. (christy.holland@uc.edu) Vice President Heikenfeld, Jason C. (heikenjc@ucmail.uc.edu) Treasurer Matter, Stephen F. (mattersf@ucmail.uc.edu) Secretary Vonderheide, Anne M. (pawleca@ucmail.uc.edu) Administrative Assistant Contact Officer Hanson, Margaret M. (margaret.hanson@uc.edu)

Officers for Fiscal Year 2016

President Pixley, Sarah K. (sarah.pixley@uc.edu) Vice President Dietsch, Craig W. (dietscc@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)

## **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: Ronald Millard

## 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: 11/4/2014 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, presentations by the graduate awardees, and award presentation of the Sigma Xi Young Investigator Award. Activity Was: Created and organized by chapter Activity Participation: 50 Activity Participation Percentage: 95 Activity Years Occuring: Continuing

Activity Chapter Health: Yes

Activity Share Details: Yes Activity Target Audience: Graduates, Professionals, Members Activity Modified Date: 9/30/2015 3:01:20 PM

Activity Type: Grants-in-Aid of Research

Name of Activity: Graduate Student Grants-in-Aid of Research Awardees Announced Activity Date: 2/2/2015

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 a 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-inaid 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: 30 Activity Participation Percentage: 50 Activity Years Occuring: Continuing

Activity Chapter Health: yes

Activity Share Details: Yes

Activity Target Audience: Undergraduates, Graduates

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Activity Type: Chapter Award

Name of Activity: Young Investigator Award

Activity Date: 2/2/2015

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.

Activity Was: Created and organized by chapter

Activity Participation: 2

Activity Participation Percentage: 100

Activity Years Occuring: Continuing

Activity Chapter Health: yes

Activity Share Details: Yes

Activity Target Audience: Professionals, Members Activity Modified Date: 9/30/2015 3:19:11 PM

Activity Type: Chapter Annual Meeting

Name of Activity: Spring Mixer

Activity Date: 4/9/2015

Activity Details: The spring mixer serves as our annual meeting and includes networking opportunities during a cocktail reception, recognition of new members, recognition of new National GIAR Awardees, recognition of the new UC Sigma Xi GIAR awardees, and recognition of the High School Teacher Award. Each Spring the Young Investigator faculty awardee presents a public lecture during the meeting. Prof. Hairong Guan gave the lecture in Spring 2015 and was presented with a \$500 award. We also announce each of our graduate student Grants in Aid of Research winners and the High School Teaching Award. This event starts with a mixer of food and drink and invite the entire UC community, members and non-members.

Activity Was: Created and organized by chapter

Activity Participation: 60

Activity Participation Percentage: 80

Activity Years Occuring: Continuing

Activity Chapter Health: yes

Activity Share Details: Yes

Activity Target Audience: K-12, Undergraduates, Graduates, Professionals, Members

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