

University of Southern Indiana
Master of Public Administration Society
Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2015

Present: Tara Riggs, Ashley Hughes, Jennifer Sharp

This was the first MPA Society Meeting for the Fall 2015 semester. No Officers had reports.

New Business:

During the first week of classes we will promote the MPA society. Jen will speak to the Monday night class, Tara will speak to the Wednesday night class, and Ashley will speak to the Thursday night class.

Ashley and Tara will attend the new student orientation on August 22nd at 9:00am as well as the reception at 11:30am.

We discussed possible projects for the semester. Ideas included the following:

- Mayor Monthly Cleanup
- Santa Run, Dec. 5th
- Gingerbread Contest – Aurora, Dec. 5th
- Fundraiser for a non-profit
- Scrabble with Letters for Literacy

At the next MPA Society meeting we will discuss the projects with the group to determine which has the most interest.

We discussed the possibility of volunteering for the candidate forum at Bosse October 6th should volunteers be needed. Time TBA.

Scott Wiley, Director of the Community Foundation, was mentioned as a potential guest speaker. Ashley will look more into the possibility of having him and we will discuss it at the next MPA Society meeting.

Fundraiser for MPA Society: Ashley, the Treasurer, will look into the MPA Society's current budget to determine whether a fundraiser will be necessary, and if so, how much we should aim to raise.

Jen will look into the possibility of borrowing a card swipe to accept credit and debit card payments in case the MPA Society should determine a fundraiser is needed.

MPA Society T-Shirts: It was determined we will use the new MPA Society t-shirts as incentives for participation in events such as volunteer projects. Tara will find out how many t-shirts we have.

Open Offices: The MPA Society is in need of a Vice President. Tara will reach out to student Chelsea Brown to see if she is interested.

Tara will send the MPA Society's statement of purpose and bylaws to Jen and Ashley.

Jen is willing to man the MPA Society table at the USI Student Involvement Fair. We would like to have a sign up sheet, MPA Society brochures, a t-shirt to display, and wrapped candy at the table.

Goals for the Fall 2015 semester:

- To average 10 people at MPA Society meetings
- To complete 1 programming event
- To have better follow through regarding programming, projects, etc.

Closing:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 3rd at 5:15pm in the LA, room TBA. Ashley Hughes is to reserve a room. We will introduce the MPA Society, discuss goals, and projects ideas for the semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sharp