

University of Southern Indiana
Master of Public Administration Society
Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2016

Meeting called to Order: 5:16 p.m.

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes: approved

Present: Jennifer Sharp, Ashley Hughes, Traci Welp, Mpho Mashabe, Travis Dickison, Justin Groenert, Amanda Salomon (7)

Exec. Updates:

President: absent

Vice President: none

Secretary: none

Treasurer: none

Old Business:

MPA Society Bank Account:

- Have an account now with Old National Bank
- In order to be in good standing with University we must have a minimum of \$100 in student org account at all times
 - Amendments to bylaws regarding finances – please see body of email to review the changes to approve or deny. Submit any comments to Ashley Hughes (arhughes1@eagles.usi.edu)

Spruce Up volunteer opportunity

- Sunday, 4/17 from 1-3 pm
- Look for email reminders/invites from us and let us know if you are interested

End of the Year PARTY

- Potluck (optional) style
- Traci will provide cake and will grill hamburgers and hotdogs
- BYOB if interested
- Spouses/kids are welcome
- Friday, April 15 at 5:30pm

- Air hockey table and ping pong table
- **Address:** 11701 German Pines Drive, Evansville 47725
- Please respond to email invite

GSPN mixer

- Wednesday, April 13th from 4:30-6:30
- Open house style so come and go as you need
- Please respond to RSVP you should have received via email
- Come for **free food** and door prizes!
- Contact Ashley Hughes (arhughes1@eagles.usi.edu) if you have questions

New Business:

Amendments:

Section 3: Term of Office for Executive Board Members

The term of office for every executive board position within the executive board of the MPA Society shall be one calendar year from the date of election into the position. Half of the executive board positions ~~will~~ **may** be elected in alternating years. In the event of a vacant office, the term of office shall be filled as defined in Article V, Section 4(a) of the constitution. The executive board shall serve for one calendar year from the time of election.

- All in favor, the changes will be made final
- If you have questions, contact Tara Riggs (tarariggs2487@gmail.com)

Hacienda Giveback Night

- Hacienda is a no-go, they no longer do small organizations like ours

WE NEED NEW LEADERS – we will be voting in the April meeting, we need nominees!

- Next semester we will need a new executive board! If you are interested in holding a position, please contact Tara (tarariggs2487@gmail.com)
- Succession plan: a binder of needed information will be presented to each position

Fall Fundraiser:

- Aurora Weekend Backpack Program
- Similar to Relay for Life in that you can form a “team” to collect items. It could be your workplace, church group, another organization or friends. The team that collects the most items will win a prize (we’re thinking a free catered lunch from Spudz n’ Stuff)
 - Need to determine how we will “count” whether by individual unit, packaged item, value, etc.

Commission for Higher Education - Alexa Buetel

- The Commission for Higher Education oversees all post secondary education systems
 - Example - any time USI wants to add a degree, building, etc, USI must get approval from commission
- The Commission **has an open position** for a graduate student
- Position runs from July 1, 2016 – June 1, 2018
- Application here: <http://www.usi.edu/sga/iche-student-representative-application>
 - Applicants must reside in Indiana
 - Applicants will be competing with student applications from other Universities in Indiana
 - Search committee is made up of students representatives from each Indiana university

Reminders:

Social Media:

- The MPA Society has a Facebook page! Please like/follow us. Search “MPA at USI”.
<https://www.facebook.com/MPA-at-USI-682181135161299/timeline/>

Make suggestions!

- If anyone has suggestions for speakers, service opportunities, etc. please let us know!

NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday, April 21st at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sharp