



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 22, 2017

5:30 PM– LA 1018

Members present: Travis Dickison, Loc Duong, Sara Goad, Taylor Gogel, Dr. Hanka, Kory Kinman, Chaze Patrick, Alysia Rhinefort, and Brushell Solorzano

Travis called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Travis moved and Kory seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Motion carries.

President's Report

Travis noted that elections for the executive board will take place in April. Those interested in serving as officers should keep in mind which positions they would like to hold. As well, at the next meeting he will be proposing changes to the by-laws concerning duties of executive officers for next year; a committee will be formed to review such changes

Vice President's Report

Loc reminded those interested that the deadline to submit proposals to present at the upcoming Indiana Political Science Association conference is March 1. Proposals may submitted to their website. As well, the deadline to register to participate in or volunteer for the conference is March 8. The conference will be held on March 24 from 8AM – 5PM on the USI campus. As well, Loc noted that students have the opportunity to participate in networking events hosted by the Graduate Student Professionals Network on March 13 and April 10. Details for those events can be found on their website.

Secretary's Report

Kory is working on two service projects for which everyone may volunteer. One is a neighborhood clean-up in the Jacobsville area in partnership with Jacobsville Join In! and Keep Evansville Beautiful organizations. This event will be occurring in April and specific details will be submitted closer to the service date. As well, there is the opportunity to volunteer for the Vanderburgh Homeless Connect event that will take place on March 16 from 9AM – 2PM. Kory will be in contact soon with everyone within the MPA program to prepare a volunteer list for the event coordinators.

Treasurer's Report

Sara will soon have information regarding the give back night and when it will take place. She also reminded members that dues for the spring semester can be given to either her or Travis. In January, dues of \$20.00 were collected from Alysia and \$10.00 from Brushell. Dues of \$10.00 were collected in February from Taylor.

Dr. Hanka's Report

Dr. Hanka stated that he is working on forming additional specializations, beyond public and non-profit administration, within the MPA program. Questions concerning these specializations can be directed to Dr. Hanka. As well, if anyone within the program has ideas regarding the MPA speaker series, please give suggestions to any of the executive officers or Dr. Hanka.



Unfinished business

Nothing to report.

New business

Travis proposed an amendment to the budget allocating \$50.00 for banking expenses. Travis called a vote, with a majority accepting the motion. The motion carries.

The donation drive for Aurora, Inc. will take place starting in March and lasting through April. Along with Kory, Loc, Chaze, and Alysia will serve on the community service committee to coordinate delivery of all donations. Those interested in participating in the drive need only collect items that are on the organization's needs list, which Kory will send out before March 1.

Announcements

The Scrabble Tournament hosted by Ivy Tech Community College to benefit the Literacy Center is on February 25 from 1-4 PM. Participants include Sara, Dr. Hanka, and Kory.

Travis adjourned the meeting at 6 PM.

Next meeting

Wednesday March 15, 2017. 5:30 PM – LA 1018.

Respectfully submitted,
Kory Kinman