



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 5, 2017
5:30 PM– LA 1018

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

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

President's Report

We are still finalizing plans for the MPA Society Picnic to be held after the semester ends. Watch your emails for more information and an invitation. He also reminded the Bylaws Review Committee and current officers that their notes on the draft bylaws are due at the May meeting.

Secretary's Report

Please remember that the donation drive for Aurora of Evansville will be continuing through April. Items to be donated may include canned food items, bottled water, gift cards, bus tokens, and adult socks and underwear. As well, those wishing to donate cash may do so to an executive officer and one of us will purchase these items for the organization.

Treasurer's Report

Reimbursement for Kory's payment of \$30.00 for the Scrabble Tournament registration will be withdrawn by Dr. Hanka from the Society's USI Agency Fund.

Advisor Report

Dr. Hanka reminded those in the MPA program that they can attend the Indiana Political Science Association networking event in Indianapolis on Thursday, April 13. The event will begin at 5:30 and will allow those present to gain contact with professionals and researchers in the political science and public administration fields. If anyone would like to attend please contact Dr. Hanka by Monday, April 10. As well, Dr. Hanka is hosting a trip to the Netherlands this summer in conjunction with the POLS 465/PA 565 Comparative Public Policy Course. Funding for student costs associated with the trip can be made available from several USI offices. If interested, please contact Dr. Hanka as soon as possible, as the deadline to determine the necessary roster of attending students is approaching fast.

New business

Election of the President

Sara and Taylor were nominated for the office of the President. Preceding the vote each candidate was given time to outline their qualifications to the present members. The votes were split evenly between the two candidates and Taylor conceded the election to Sara, deferring to her current experience with the MPA Society as qualification for her elected leadership. Sara will serve as President through the spring 2018.

Election of the Vice President

Alysia, Chaze, and Loc were nominated for the office of the Vice President. Preceding the vote each candidate was given time to outline their qualifications to the present members. No candidate received a majority of the votes but Alysia earned the plurality of votes on the first round. Using "single transferable vote", members



chose a second preference and Alysia received the necessary majority, electing her to the vice presidential office. Alysia will serve as Vice President through spring 2018.

Election of the Secretary

Brushell and Kory were nominated for the office of Secretary. Preceding the vote each candidate was given time to outline their qualifications to the present members. Kory received the majority of the votes cast, and will serve as Secretary through spring 2018.

Election of the Treasurer

Taylor, Kory, and Sara were nominated for the office of Treasurer. As Kory and Sara were elected to Secretary and President respectively, the election was conceded to Taylor, electing him to the office of Treasurer by acclamation. Taylor will serve in this role through spring 2018.

Next meeting

Tentative Wednesday May 10 at 6:15pm in the Liberal Arts building