

Mills College ICMA Student Chapter

2016–2017 Report



Mills College ICMA Chapter members met twice a month throughout the 2016-2017 academic year. The Board coordinated a lineup of local government guest speakers who came to lunchtime meetings to talk about their work.

Special Event

The chapter organized a panel discussion about the relationship between Native American Tribal Councils and U.S. governmental agencies. Brooklyn Baptiste of the Nez Perce Tribe and E.J. Crandall from the Robinson Rancheria educated future government leaders about tribal governments and their intersection with local and state government.

Chapter Leadership

Laurie McWhorter & Zoe Harris
Co-Presidents & Co-Secretaries
Rodalyn Guinto: Treasurer, Coordinator
Rick Rivera: Social Media, Marketing
Mark Henderson: Faculty Advisor
Chantal Cotton Gaines: ICMA Mentor

Guest Speakers

- City of Berkeley Chief Resilience Officer, Timothy Burroughs, talked about his work in advancing community readiness for a range of hazards, such as natural disasters and impacts of climate change, and social hazards, such as racial inequity.
- Alameda County Chief Probation Officer Wendy Still talked about innovations in Probation.
- City of Oakland Assistant to the City Administrator, Chantal Cotton Gaines, led a round-table about the multifaceted work of an “Assistant to.”
- City of Walnut Creek Administrative Analyst II, Carla Hansen, presented a day in the life of a policy analyst. Ms. Hansen, who is also a Planning Commissioner for El Cerrito, added pointers on getting appointed to a commission.
- City of Berkeley Performance Management Auditor, Tracy Yarlott-Davis, shared her journey from new grad working in the State Auditor’s office, to current city-level auditing.