

2016-2017 SJSU ICMA Student Chapter Report

I am proud to say that the SJSU chapter of the ICMA, The MPA Student Association (MPASA), enjoyed a very successful academic year that saw our organization grow and our students benefit from a variety of MPASA organized events.

The Executive Board Serving for the 2016-2017 academic year were as follows:

President: Robert Carrera

Secretary: Tamara Jasper

Vice President: Tae Hwan Ihm

Treasurer: Julia Menhart

Our group also included a core group of at-large, voting board members who were appointed by the MPASA board. These members are as follows:

Marissa Haro

David Lisenbee

Paul Fulcher

Karishma Patel

Stephen Ngo

Christopher Hoem

Kira Valenta

Our organization also established three committees with the purpose of delegating work, instigating new projects, and getting students involved. The committee chairs are as follows:

Social Committee: Tae Hwan Ihm

Communications Committee: Marissa Haro

Elections Committee: Robert Carrera

The MPASA put together a variety of events for our students, alumni, faculty, and community. At the beginning and end of each semester, we hosted social events that allowed our students, alumni, and faculty to come together, mingle, and network with each other. Our last social of the academic year was also a fundraiser that ended up being a tremendous success for us, helping us raise 189 dollars. We planned, organized, and conducted our annual events such as the New Student Orientation, Microsoft Excel class, Phi Alpha Alpha Luncheon, and MPA Convocation. Additional events we organized are an election watch night party, a 7-steps to getting a job seminar and speed interviewing with alumni.

Some of the greatest successes of this academic year include the growth in participation of our students with the organization, strengthening our relationship with the ICMA through our events and participation at the West Coast Regional Conference, and coordinating an election process where MPA students registered as candidates for executive positions and be vetted and voted on by our student body. Our organization continues to grow and provide a great experience to students during their time in the MPA program. Thanks to the ICMA for their support, and I hope our organizations continue to work together to provide excellent services to SJSU MPA students.

Respectfully,



Robert Carrera

MPASA President, 2016-2017