Laura- I'm finally getting around to forwarding you info about the student groups we've had in the program. My last attempt to revive the MPA Student Union was last year (see below). We did have coordinators step forward from both tribal and general cohorts (Simon Gorbaty, Rhonda Stone, Ashley Daniel, Twylia Westling, Olivia Hart, Patrick Sattler). Some even completed the coordinators training required to form a student group (and get $) through the Student Activities Office (see Andrew Corn). However, everything fell apart when they couldn't agree on having one MPA student union or two separate MPA student unions (one for tribal and one for general). It got pretty nasty actually. We'd always only had one student union to serve all cohorts. I used to have a ton of history (4 big binders worth), but the group from 09-10 left most of them outside my office door at the end of the year and they were gone by the next day. I think I have one binder left and I'd be happy to give it to you. - Amy

**From:** Gould, Amy  
**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2012 10:42 AM  
**To:** mpa all  
**Subject:** Student Union?

MPA Students,

Do you want to practice your

leadership and community organizing skills?

Here is a great opportunity for you!

Let's revive the MPA Student Union.

Here is some background:

- **First Formed in 2004** open to all (tribal governance cohort, general cohort, 1st year, 2nd year)

- **Mission:** "The Master of Public Administration Student Union is dedicated to addressing the academic, professional and social needs of MPA students. We are committed to issues of social responsibility, diversity, and leadership in the public sector.”

- **The mission was met** in the past through monthly meetings of interest groups, social activities/parties, public events/forums related to hot topics in PA, writing a section for the MPA newsletter, book donation program where current students "donate" their used books to the program for use by future students and/or the creation of an in-house library, creating a professional networking space on LinkedIn, mentorship program, volunteering with local non-profits, selling coffee during class to raise funds for events and/or scholarships, networking with the MES student union and the MPA alumni group.

- **To Do**: Find/Elect 4 student coordinators to lead the group (it is up to the group if student coordinators receive a stipend for this work; stipend may range from $1,434/year to $3,186/year), Register with the Student Activities Board, student coordinators must attend mandatory student group training sessions put on by the board, submit a budget

Interested? If so, I'd be happy to serve as the faculty advisor for the group. Let's make it happen! - Amy

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