SIPASA President

The SIPASA President has a very important role on how the association functions; the President is also the member with the most visibility to the student body. The President’s position requires commitment (usually of about 10 hours per week, sometimes more), integrity (keeping calm and professional, especially during controversies) and responsibility (the wheels don’t move without the President!). In detail, the President fulfills the following functions, as outlined in SIPASA Constitution:

i. Serves as the principal executive of SIPASA.

ii. Supervises, manages, and coordinates all of its internal activities and external affairs while remaining accountable to the Executive Board and the General Board;

iii. Serves as SIPASA’s representative to the SIPA administration, except when designees are appointed in accordance with the terms of this Constitution;

iv. Presides over meetings of the Executive Board and the General Board;

v. Serves as chief arbiter, in consultation with the General Secretary, or any other appropriate representative of the Board, in the administration and negotiation of any deeds, formal agreements, contracts, or other instruments which the Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by this Constitution to some other representative or agent of the organization, or shall be required by applicable law to be otherwise signed or executed;

vi. Convenes and presides over all open student meetings;

vii. Leads engagement with the SIPA Advisory Board, with the support of the Dean, to provide a student perspective on issues central to the School’s mission, strategy, and programs;

viii. Has the final authority in deciding matters that are not resolved by other means or mechanisms;

ix. Is an ex officio member of the Senior Leadership Committee, described in Section 6.2 of the constitution;

x. Co-chairs and participates in the deliberations of the SIPASA Budget Committee;

xi. Is ultimately responsible for all functions and duties in relation to SIPASA.
SIPASA Composition

a) Executive Board (5 Officers):

i. The President
ii. The Vice President
iii. The General Secretary
iv. The Treasurer
v. The University Senator

b) Functional Chairs (10 Officers):

i. Two Academic Chairs
ii. Two Career & Alumni Affairs Chairs
iii. Two Social Chairs
iv. Two Student Life Chairs
v. Two Communications & External Relations Chairs

c) Special Program Representatives (6 Officers):

i. The MPA-DP Representative
ii. The PEPM Representative
iii. The ESP Representative
iv. The EMPA Representative
v. The Dual Degree Representative
vi. The PhD Representative