

USI Romain College of Business
Accounting Circle Fall 2022 Meeting Minutes
4 p.m., October 26, 2022, USI Carter Hall

Members Present: Derek Adams, Carlin Beckman, Amanda Bingemer, Jo Burke, Michael Carroll, Bridgitte Danhauer, Tony Hiatt, Brant Kennedy

Members Absent: Richard Campbell, Patrick Edwards, Connie Lucas, Mark Miles, Brad Minor, Steve Mudd, Roger Orth, Charlie Pride, Nikki Roser, Ashley Schultz, Celeste Tabor, Rob Wedding, Jeff Wilmes, Chris Wolking

Young Professionals Present: Ryan Clark, Kyle Hoeing, Emily Kendrick, Brandon Medcalf, Cassie Muensterman, Jesse Reising, Kiersten Roberts, Zach Scott, Kelsey Spillman

Young Professionals Absent: Clayton Allen, Bryce Bullock, Cyndi Hines, Kendall Hurt, Amber Key, Amy Mings, Paige Psyllos, Drew Turpin, Jason Warford

Ex-officio Members Present: Brian McGuire, Sudesh Mujumdar

Faculty Present: Brett Bueltel, Andy Dill, Jeanette Maier-Lytle, Mark McKnight, Thomas Noland, Jennifer Riester, Thomas Weber

Students Present: Audrey Barclay, Kaitlyn Sturgeon

MINUTES:

The Spring 2022 minutes were **APPROVED** as e-distributed, motioned by **Michael Carroll** and seconded by **Tony Hiatt**.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Bridgitte Danhauer welcomed all to the meeting and asked for introductions.

ACCOUNTING CIRCLE CHAIR'S REPORT:

Danhauer called for the following reports for the Accounting Circle and Young Professionals activities:

Extravaganza- **Jesse Reising** reviewed the agenda for this evening's Extravaganza. There are about 70 students signed up to attend. **Brian McGuire** commented it is the best turnout for this event in a long while.

High School Day Case and Individual Competition- **Ryan Clark** explained the event to new members who may not be familiar with it. As of his last meeting, **Clark** said there are three high school teams committed. Committee members are planning to reach out to schools that have not yet committed to attending. Overall, **Clark** expects a good turnout.

Fundraising Event- There are no updates to report.

Merit Badge University- Bridgitte Danhauer said this will be coming up in February. The committee is making plans, but there are no other updates to report at this time.

Get Fired Up- Michael Carroll talked about the January 18 *Get Fired Up* event. It will be held in the BEC atrium. **Carroll** wants students to understand the importance of getting involved while in college. **Brian McGuire** and **Jeanette Maier-Lytle** discussed the lack of student participation. She has been unable to recruit students for the upcoming IMA Student Case Competition, which she coaches annually.

Young Professionals- Kiersten Roberts reported there are three new members, and she hopes the Young Professionals can get more involved again. She has nominated **Jesse Reising** for chair of the Young Professionals and **Ryan Clark** for chair-elect next year.

Screagles Mentor Program- Bridgitte Danhauer explained the program for those who are not familiar with it. It is a good opportunity to mentor USI students, and she wants everyone to be aware of it.

Distinguished Accountant Award- Michael Carroll said this year's recipient will be announced at the Extravaganza. **Brian McGuire** thanked him for chairing the committee.

DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING PROGRAM'S REMARKS

Thomas Noland talked about the College's AACSB reaccreditation review in February. He will let members know if the review team would like to meet with any of them.

He talked about the College's new postcard initiative, some of which are in the meeting packet. Each card features a business graduate along with details of their co-created path at Romain College to career success. The recruitment cards target local high schools and will expand to high schools in other regions, such as Indianapolis.

Noland asked if there is interest in USI offering continuing education sessions and when would be the best time to schedule them.

Noland said there was good student turnout at Meet the Firms, open houses, the USI Career and Internship Fair, and the Majors and Minors Fair. Including the 70+ students expected to attend the Extravaganza and High School Business Day, business students have been very active in the fall semester.

Accountants in the Classroom- Thomas Noland said there were four Accountants in the Classroom presentations earlier in the semester.

Student internships- Jennifer Riester reviewed the data on her internship report. The data is from students self-reporting their internships, but she thinks there are more that are not reported. She encouraged members to report if their companies offer internships. The number of internships has been trending downward the last few years, but she is encouraged to see the number coming back up. **Brian McGuire** reminded members to report internships because they are not only needed for **Riester's** reporting, but also for

the College's AACSB accreditation reporting as a measure of student success. **Thomas Noland** said he also collects some internship data.

Speaking Eagles Toastmasters- **Thomas Weber** reported that members are going to classrooms to talk to students about joining Toastmasters. There was discussion about Romain College's initiative to increase student engagement by not having classes between noon and 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the spring semester. This gives student organizations an opportunity to hold meetings earlier in the day in hopes of increasing participation.

Financial Reports- **Brian McGuire** reviewed the financials and explained that the decreases are due to changes in the stock market.

McGuire shared that the USI chapter of Beta Alpha Psi earned superior chapter status. They will receive a monetary award in addition to recognition as a superior chapter. He also congratulated **Sudesh Mujumdar** and **Thomas Noland** for successfully completing the accounting report.

Beta Alpha Psi- **Kaitlyn Sturgeon** talked about this year's Meet the Firms. **Thomas Noland** said that next year's Meet the Firms has already been scheduled to better coordinate when University of Evansville holds a similar event. Beta Alpha Psi and APS Club are the sponsors of this year's Extravaganza. There are more students attending APS and BAP meetings.

Accounting & Professional Services Club- **Audrey Barclay** has finished the paperwork to submit toward earning the Gold Award of Excellence Status for the chapter. She is looking for more volunteer opportunities for APS and BAP members.

DEAN'S REMARKS

Sudesh Mujumdar thanked each board member for their service to the university. He gave details on the Romain Promise program and outlined some of his goals for the next year.

CLOSING REMARKS AND MEETING ADJOURNED

Brian McGuire thanked members of the Accounting Circle. **Bridgitte Danhauer** thanked members for their participation and encouraged everyone to attend the Extravaganza, immediately following in Carter Hall.