

**USI Romain College of Business  
Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes  
4 p.m., October 23, 2024, UC Carter Hall**

**Members Present:** Derek Adams, Amanda Bingemer, Jo Burke, Michael Carroll, Ryan Clark, Bridgitte Danhauer, Tony Hiatt, Connie Lucas, Paige Psyllos, Kelsey Spillman, Celeste Tabor

**Members Absent:** Carlin Beckman, Patrick Edwards, Brant Kennedy, Brad Minor, Steve Mudd, Charlie Pride, Jr., Ashley Schultz, Jason Warford, Rob Wedding

**Young Professionals Present:** Kendall Burkart, Thomas Busche, Shelby Greenwalt, Andrea Medcalf, Brandon Medcalf, Ryan Memmer, Cassie Muensterman, Jesse Reising, Braden Taylor, Austin Wolf

**Young Professionals Absent:** Clayton Allen, Kyle Hoeing, Emily Kendrick, Lauren Lively

**Ex-officio Members Present:** Brian McGuire, Sudesh Mujumdar

**Faculty Present:** Jeanette Maier-Lytle, Thomas Noland

**Communications Associate Present:** Darla Perigo

**Students Present:** Serena Buzzard, Amber Collier, Alex Perry, Grace White

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Amanda Bingemer** welcomed everyone to the meeting. She announced that **Ryan Clark, Paige Psyllos, Kelsey Spillman,** and **Jason Warford** were voted in as new Accounting Circle board members; **Patrick Edwards** is a renewing member; and the Young Professionals added new members: **Thomas Busche, Shelby Greenwalt, Ryan Memmer,** and **Austin Wolf.** Self-introductions followed, and she reviewed upcoming important dates.

**MINUTES:**

The Spring 2024 minutes were APPROVED as e-distributed. **Michael Carroll** motioned, and it was seconded by **Tony Hiatt.**

**DEAN'S REMARKS:**

**Sudesh Mujumdar** reviewed the College's value proposition and the competencies that business students will graduate with that they wouldn't get at other business colleges. He updated members on the Center for Applied Business, which will house the business labs on the first floor of the Business & Engineering Center. He reviewed enrollment numbers for undergraduate and graduate students. He thanked members for their support.

## **ACCOUNTING CIRCLE CHAIR'S REPORT:**

**Extravaganza-** The Extravaganza will immediately follow the meeting. **Paige Psyllos** is chairing, and she gave an overview of the evening's agenda. She encouraged professionals to stay. There are around 69 students signed up.

**Fundraising Event- Andrea Medcalf** reported on the T-shirt fundraiser. There is a delay getting the promotional flyer approved, which means this may move to the spring semester. Companies get their name or logo printed on the T-shirt depending on their donation level (\$250 or \$500) to the new diversity scholarship.

**High School Day Case Competition- Ryan Clark** gave an update on which high schools are expected to attend, but there are more registrations coming in through USI Admissions. He ran through the day's itinerary and asked for volunteers. **Thomas Noland** mentioned that while this event has historically been held on a Friday, there will be more campus activity on a Tuesday. **Amanda Bingemer** is collecting money for gift cards to be given to high school students and teachers.

**Merit Badge University-Tony Hiatt** said they teach the personal finance session to Boy Scouts, and they are hoping to add an American Business merit badge. The next event is Saturday, February 22, 2025, hosted at USI. He asked for volunteers. **Bridgitte Danhauer** said each Boy Scout must take the personal finance session, but the American Business badge is optional; it is nice to offer two business options.

**Young Professionals- Jesse Reising** said the Young Professionals voted in four new members. They still need a chair-elect.

**Distinguished Accountant Award- Michael Carroll** said **Brian McGuire** will announce tonight's recipient at the Extravaganza. He encouraged members to be intentional about nominating recipients for this annual award. Nominees do not have to be a USI alumni; it is more about service to the profession.

**Annual Membership Donations- Amanda Bingemer** said that an annual donation from Accounting Circle members and Young Professionals was approved by vote this spring, with the donation going to the new diversity scholarship. **Celeste Tabor** directed everyone to the QR code in the meeting packet that will take them directly to the online donation form on USI Foundation's website. If each member donates, it will fund more than half of the \$5,000 needed to fund the scholarship annually, with the T-shirt fundraiser making up the rest.

## **DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING PROGRAM'S REMARKS:**

**Chair's Report: Thomas Noland** discussed enrollment trends, internships, placement rates, and salaries. While University undergraduate enrollment is down, Romain College enrollment is up.

**Accountants in the Classroom- Thomas Noland** listed some of the speakers he has had in his classes, including IRS representatives, KSM, and Harding, Shymanski & Co. He thanked Harding for sponsoring the ice cream truck at the beginning of the school year.

**Financials- Brian McGuire** reviewed the financials in the meeting packet.

**Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting & Professional Services Club- Alex Perry** said there are about seven new initiates this semester. He and **Lillian Taft** went to IMA's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida. BAP hosted Meet the Firms in September in the BEC Atrium, with 14 companies and more than 46 students in attendance. BAP has had several speakers at their professional meetings. Service opportunities include VHS Cardio for Canines and HUG Alliance blessings bags. They are lining up more professionals and office tours for the spring semester.

**Brian McGuire** said the USI Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi earned Gold Chapter status and was recognized in Orlando, along with receiving \$500. **Perry** added that **McGuire** was recognized with a service award at the annual meeting as well.

**Accounting & Professional Services- Serena Buzzard** said there are about 37 members, with 23 new members. They spoke to all BUAD101 classes to recruit new members and will do that again in the spring semester. **Thomas Noland** thinks this will be helpful now that we are reaching freshmen earlier with business classes. **Amber Collier** hopes students can attend the BAP Regional Meeting in the spring.

**Perry** would like to have all business student organizations working together more. APS, BAP, and AMA are hosting a LinkedIn resume workshop.

**USI Speaking Eagles Toastmasters- Michael Carroll** asked about the status of Toastmasters. We hope to have a new faculty member volunteer who will reinvigorate the club in January.

### **CLOSING REMARKS:**

**Amanda Bingemer** delivered closing remarks, and the meeting was adjourned to the Extravaganza.