

**USI Romain College of Business
Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes
Carter Hall, University Center
4:00 p.m., October 10, 2018**

Members Present: Jo Burke, Bridgitte Danhauer, Brad Minor, Steve Mudd, Roger Orth

Members Absent: Tonya Borders, Richard Campbell, Michael Carroll, Carolyn Dearmond, Jarod Florence, Kevin Hammett, Susan Hardwick, Kerry Jackson, Rod Meyer, Mark Miles, Ann Muehlbauer, Charlie Pride, Jr., Nikki Roser, Nick Rueger, Jim Thomas, Rob Wedding, Connie Wellmeyer, Jeff Wilmes, Chris Wolking, Doug Wurmnest

Young Professionals Present: Derek Adams, Amanda Bingemer, Anna Shade Bullock, Bryce Bullock, Erin Maile, Matt Mitchell, Angela Reckelhoff., Matt Reffett, Kiersten Roberts, Ashley Schultz, Jazmine Skelton, Kelsie Spillman, Celeste Tabor, Kyle Waninger

Young Professionals Absent: Taylor Atkins, Matt Garza, Mitch Happe, Emily Nurrenbern, Jason Warford

Ex-officio Members Present: Brian McGuire

Faculty Present: Manfen Chen, Andrew Dill, Jeanette Maier-Lytle, Jamie Seitz

Communication Associate Present: Darla Perigo

Students Present: Alyssa Moore, Jesse Reising

WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:

Steve Mudd welcomed all to the meeting and asked for self-introductions.

MINUTES:

The Spring 2018 minutes were **APPROVED** as e-distributed.

ACCOUNTING CIRCLE CHAIR'S REPORT:

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

Young Professionals- **Kiersten Roberts** said there are three new members of the Young Professionals: **Bryce Bullock, Matt Garza, and Jazmine Skelton**. This brings the number of Young Professionals to nineteen.

High School Day Case and Individual Competition- **Amanda Bingemer** thanked members who are already involved, but she needs more volunteers and donations. She

listed the high schools that have registered, those she expects to still register, and those that will not be participating. She asked if any members have connections with various schools and could reach out to them. The deadline to register is October 31. She brought forms that must be completed by members who are volunteering. This is the third year for the event.

Brian McGuire asked **Jesse Reising** and **Alyssa Moore** if they could recruit student volunteers from Beta Alpha Psi and Toastmasters.

Extravaganza- Derek Adams encouraged members to attend the Extravaganza, immediately following the meeting. About 55 students and 20 professionals have RSVP'd. The format for the evening will change slightly. Speed networking will be at the dinner tables. This will keep the number of people more uniform per table, so there will be slightly larger groups but fewer rotations. Dinner will be after networking, followed by the presentation of the Distinguished Accountant Award. **Adams** thanked those who are providing certificates to take a student to lunch. The certificates will be raffled off. **Mudd** thanked **Adams** for putting the event together.

Fundraising Event- Kelsie Spillman talked about the cornhole event, which was held on September 6 at the Business & Engineering Center patio. She liked this location. About 23 students attended. The event raised \$4,075 for the Accounting Circle fifth year scholarship, and she thanked the firms that donated and those who attended.

Distinguished Accountant Report- Mudd will announce the Distinguished Accountant Award recipient at the Extravaganza. He went over the criteria for the award and how voting works.

Faculty Internships- McGuire said he has talked to some companies about setting up internships. There haven't been any in a couple of years. It is a matter of matching a company's need with a faculty member's time and expertise.

DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING PROGRAM'S REMARKS

Case Competition Teams- Jeanette Maier-Lytle has put together the IMA case study team. It will be the only accounting case study this year. She thanked the faculty who have coached students as well as the professionals who allow the teams to come to their firms to practice. It is what makes the difference in the students being well prepared for the live competition. **Maier-Lytle** talked about competing at Maastricht University last spring, USI's first international competition. She is waiting to see if USI is accepted to compete this year. It is ranked one of the top twelve competitions globally, so it is prestigious for USI to be invited.

Financial Reports- McGuire reviewed the financial reports included in the meeting packet. BKD funds are used on a regular basis for educational activities, and he thanked members for their ongoing support.

Internships Report- **McGuire** said someone has been hired for the Career Coordinator position and will be in that role by the end of the month.

Accountants in the Classroom- **Mudd** said he enjoys being a speaker, and encouraged members to participate. He commented that it makes an impression on the students. He has had students recognize him later from being a speaker in their class.

Speaking Eagles Toastmasters- President **Alyssa Moore** said there are about 20-25 members. Last year the club earned Select Distinguished designation. It is on track to be named Distinguished or Select Distinguished this year.

Toastmasters is changing its education requirements internationally. It is in a two-year transition, so after 2019 competent communicator and competent leader designations will be replaced by five levels. **Moore** thanked members for their support and asked for speakers at their meetings.

Beta Alpha Psi- **Jesse Reising**, president of Beta Alpha Psi, said the IMA student chapter earned gold designation, which is the highest a student chapter can receive. USI BAP received superior status. Many members graduated, so they have worked hard to recruit. In November eight students will be attending the IMA Leadership Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Reising asked for volunteers to speak at BAP meetings. **McGuire** recognized **Andrew Dill** for taking over as the new faculty advisor.

Accounting & Professional Services Club- **Reising** told members that while BAP and APS are separate clubs, they hold all their meetings and fundraising events together.

DEAN'S REMARKS

McGuire is currently working on the Strategic Plan update for both the business and accounting programs. **Andrew Dill** is chairing the committee for the accounting program. The accounting program update is further along in the process. **McGuire** hopes to have them completed by the end of the month.

McGuire thanked members for everything they do and for being an outstanding group. When he makes accreditation visits, one thing that amazes people is all that the USI Accounting Circle does.

Brigitte Danhauer talked to members about getting involved with the Boys Scouts and helping scouts earn their financial badges. **McGuire** said this scouting event brings 300-400 scouts on campus.

McGuire encouraged members to attend the Extravaganza, as did **Mudd**.

CLOSING REMARKS AND MEETING ADJOURNED