

**USI Romain College of Business
Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes
3:30 p.m., October 22, 2025, Carter Hall**

Members Present: Derek Adams, Carlin Beckman, Amanda Bingemer, Jo Burke, Mike Cahill, Michael Carroll, Bridgitte Danhauer, Brad Minor, Paige Psyllos, Celeste Tabor

Members Absent: Ryan Clark, Patrick Edwards, Tony Hiatt, Matthew Hunsaker, Andy Lannert, Connie Lucas, Charlie Pride, Ashley Schultz, Kelsey Spillman, Jason Warford

Young Professionals Present: Daryan Bredemeyer, Ashton Brock, Thomas Busche, Emily Kendrick, Kelley Lott, Andrea Medcalf, Brandon Medcalf, Ryan Memmer, Cassie Muensterman, Jesse Reising

Young Professionals Absent: Clayton Allen, Lauren Buechler, Kendall Burkart, Shelby Greenwall

Ex-officio Members Present: Brian McGuire, Sudesh Mujumdar

Faculty Present: Jeanette Maier-Lytle, Thomas Noland

Communications Associate Present: Darla Perigo

Students Present: Madison Heil, Jaxon Slagley, Jasmyne Sinnott

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, and UPCOMING EVENTS:

Amanda Bingemer welcomed everyone to the meeting, followed by self-introductions.

Bingemer reviewed the list of upcoming events. She asked for 3-5 more volunteers for the USI High School Business Day on November 12, 2025. It can be half day or full day, and co-workers of Circle members are welcome to volunteer with a required background check through USI Public Safety and Security.

The Romain College of Business Alumni Basketball night is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026. **Darla Perigo** will email out information when it becomes available closer to game night.

Merit Badge University will be Saturday, February 21, 2026.

MINUTES:

The Spring 2025 minutes were APPROVED as e-distributed.

DEAN'S REMARKS:

Sudesh Mujumdar thanked members for attending the board meeting and for all they do for the College and for USI. He gave kudos to **Thomas Noland** and the accounting program. USI's first-time CPA exam pass rates topped Purdue University's and are above the median for national pass rates. He thanked the Circle for their support.

Mujumdar gave an update on the construction of the Center for Applied Business Technologies. He expects to break ground on the Center in December and for construction to be completed in the summer. Romain College of Business was invited to attend the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership (E-Rep) Annual Meeting and Dinner, and showcase some of its innovative artificial intelligence applications and advanced analytics and biometric technologies. This event put the College in front of some of the most influential leaders and decision makers in the local community.

ACCOUNTING CIRCLE REPORT:

Extravaganza-Paige Psyllos said **Ryan Memmer** will be overseeing the Extravaganza, which immediately follows the meeting at 5 pm. She expects about 55 students and about 25-30 professionals. The format for the evening will be the same as last year: the Distinguished Accountant Award presentation, dinner, and speed networking.

Fundraising Event-Andrea Medcalf said fundraising will not be moving forward at this time. She encouraged everyone to consider making a donation to USI Foundation scholarships. **Darla Perigo** will resend the link for online donations.

There was discussion around changing the names of the scholarships. **Amanda Bingemer** called for a vote to change the scholarship names and it passed. **Celeste Tabor** will work with **Andrea Gentry** in USI Foundation to change names and eligibility requirements. She will find out if fundraising can begin once these changes have been completed.

High School Day Case Competition-Thomas Noland reported USI Admissions has 60 students at three high schools registered. Historically many registrations will come closer to deadline. There are five students for the student panel. **Jo Burke** commented that given the importance of recruiting and the size of this event, it needs to be a priority for the Circle members and USI faculty. **Amanda Bingemer** gave an overview of the high school day event to new members. **Noland** explained a few changes being made to the schedule to reduce the long lines at lunchtime, which caused issues last year. There are about 10 volunteers signed up.

Merit Badge University-Bridgitte Danhauer explained Merit Badge University for the new members. The Personal Finance badge and the American Business badge will be offered this year. There are five volunteers, but she would like to have a few more. It is a full day commitment. The committee will start planning in January. Most of the curriculum is finished, and volunteers will teach the classes.

Amanda Bingemer encouraged Circle members to volunteer for at least one of these events annually.

Young Professionals-Andrea Medcalf is the new chair of the Young Professionals. She thanked **Jesse Reising** for his service as immediate past chair. There are three new members: **Daryan Bredemeyer, Ashton Brock, and Kelley Lott**. There are 13 active members. One of the requirements is to be on at least one of the Circle committees, so

she asked Young Professionals to check with her that they are signed up. She would like to plan a lunch or happy hour for the Young Professionals to connect and network.

Distinguished Accountant Award-Michael Carroll and **Andrea Medcalf** will present the award together at the Extravaganza.

ACCOUNTING CHAIR'S REPORT

Thomas Noland discussed the handout in the meeting packet regarding enrollment numbers, placement and internships. **Mike Cahill** asked if it would be beneficial to see those numbers for BAP student members. **Brian McGuire** commented that **Provost Blunt** is impressed with the internship numbers.

Thomas Noland said there have been a few speakers for Accountants in the Classroom this semester.

Financials-Brian McGuire reviewed the financial statements in the meeting packet. The balance for the Forvis Mazars scholarship will need to be adjusted for student travel to the IMA Student Leadership Conference and the BAP Annual Meeting.

Beta Alpha Psi-Jasmyne Sinnott said BAP has had guest speakers from some of the firms. Their service activities include Cardz for Kidz and Cardio for Canines at the Vanderburgh Humane Society. Student members are planning to go to high schools to talk to students about the accounting profession. BAP membership increased this fall. **Brian McGuire** thanked **Sinnott** for her leadership, noting the increase in student attendance. She recapped her trip to the BAP Annual Meeting.

Accounting & Professional Services Club-Madison Heil reported that APS has 43 members. Three students will attend the IMA Student Leadership Conference in Cleveland. She said there are students interested in participating in the IMA Case Competition next year.

Thomas Noland asked Circle members to touch base with **Jasmyne Sinnott** and **Madison Heil** if they would like to be a guest speaker at APS and BAP meetings.

CLOSING REMARKS and ADJOURNMENT:

Amanda Bingemer gave closing remarks and adjourned the meeting to the Extravaganza.