

**USI Romain College of Business
Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes
8:30 a.m., April 24, 2025, BE3025**

Members Present: Derek Adams, Carlin Beckman, Amanda Bingemer, Jo Burke, Mike Cahill, Michael Carroll, Bridgitte Danhauer, Patrick Edwards, Tony Hiatt, Andy Lannert, Brad Minor, Celeste Tabor, Jason Warford

Members Absent: Ryan Clark, Matthew Hunsaker, Connie Lucas, Charlie Pride, Paige Psyllos, Ashley Schultz, Kelsey Spillman

Young Professionals Present: Kendall Burkart, Emily Kendrick, Andrea Medcalf, Ryan Memmer, Cassie Muensterman, Braden Taylor

Young Professionals Absent: Clayton Allen, Thomas Busche, Shelby Greenwall, Kyle Hoeing, Brandon Medcalf, Lauren Lively, Jesse Reising, Austin Wolf

Ex-officio Members Present: Brian McGuire, Sudesh Mujumdar

Faculty Present: Jeanette Maier-Lytle, Thomas Noland

Communications Associate Present: Darla Perigo

Students Present: Serena Buzzard, Levi O'Neal, Alex Perry, Grace White

WELCOME, MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT, AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Amanda Bingemer welcomed everyone to the meeting. After individual introductions, **Bingemer** announced the members who were renewed by e-vote for another three-year term: **Derek Adams, Carlin Beckman, Mike Carroll, Tony Hiatt, and Celeste Drew.** She announced and welcomed the three new elected members: **Mike Cahill, Matthew Hunsaker, and Andy Lannert.** She asked members to put the upcoming events on their calendar.

MINUTES:

The Fall 2024 minutes were APPROVED as e-distributed.

DEAN'S REMARKS:

Sudesh Mujumdar thanked members for their involvement at USI and Romain College of Business and for supporting our students.

Jeanette Maier-Lytle took a cross-discipline team of four students to the Alberta Not-For-Profit Challenge in February. The students prepared by practicing weekly on cases, starting before Christmas break. **Maier-Lytle** said the team was excellent. They took first place in their group, advancing to the finals and placing fourth overall. She said she's taken a team to Alberta seven times, and this is only the second time not winning. However, they won the Spirit Award, second place in a five-minute fun competition, and second place in not-for-profit trivia. This is the first time she has taken a freshman on a case team challenge. She said it is very rewarding watching them develop from their first

day of practice through the actual competition. **Mike Carroll** thanked her for all the time and work she puts into case teams. **Sudesh Mujumdar** said students return to campus, talking about how transformational the experience is.

Mujumdar and Thomas Noland talked about future opportunities for USI students for Orr Fellowships. **Mujumdar** updated members on the impressive rankings of the MBA program and that the concentration in Artificial Intelligence will begin in the fall. He gave a brief update on the Applied Center for Research.

ACCOUNTING CIRCLE REPORT:

Accountants in the Classroom-Thomas Noland focuses on speakers coming to Accounting Principles classes to encourage the students to major in accounting. He thanked members for being speakers in the classroom as well as at Beta Alpha Psi meetings.

Extravaganza-Amanda Bingemer reviewed the event, and 52 students attended. **Paige Psyllos** asked for suggestions on increasing attendance of professionals. Many agree with starting the meeting and Extravaganza earlier and having less of a gap between the end of the meeting and the start of the Extravaganza. We will adjust the times this fall.

Fundraising Event-Andrea Medcalf reported on the t-shirt fundraiser for the diversity scholarship. Businesses can donate \$250 for their name or \$500 for their logo to be printed on the back of the t-shirt. The t-shirts will go to USI students attending the Extravaganza and high school students who come to USI High School Business Day.

Amanda Bingemer updated new members about past fundraising events for students – golf scramble, bowling, corn hole – and asked if there is interest in planning one this fall. There were mixed opinions about what is the best timing and should it be on campus vs. off campus. Pickleball was suggested. Thursday evenings would coincide with Beta Alpha Psi meetings, so those students would be available to attend.

High School Day Case Competition-Amanda Bingemer said that **Ryan Clark** is looking for a co-chair for High School Day. **Jo Burke** and **Brad Minor** are interested.

Thomas Noland suggests we start planning earlier and ask USI Admissions to promote the event to high schools earlier.

Merit Badge University-Tony Hiatt said there was a second class, American Business, added this year. Between the American Business and Personal Finance classes, they taught more than 30 Boy Scouts. He will reach out for more volunteers to teach the two classes. **Bridgitte Danhauer** commented that the Scouts were very engaged with the course content.

Distinguished Accountant Award-Michael Carroll explained the award and criteria for new members. He asked members to think about people who would be deserving nominees. **Brian McGuire** thanked **Michael Carroll** for continuing to chair this process.

Amanda Bingemer thanked those members who supported the Diversity Scholarship with an annual donation. Those names are listed at the bottom of the agenda.

ACCOUNTING CHAIR'S REPORT

Thomas Noland reviewed the Chair's Report in the meeting packet, which included several accounting student awards highlights. Accounting majors Christina Kurz and Molly Maxedon are 2025 Romain College of Business Distinguished Graduate Finalists. Molly is also the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award in Accounting. Bryce Rahman, an accounting and economics major, is the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award in Economics. Accounting major and Beta Alpha Psi president **Alex Perry** is top participant in Romain College activities and events, earning him the *Fired Up!* Award first place for the spring 2025 semester. Accounting majors Ricky Doan, Tomas Gonzalez, and **Levi O'Neal** were third place recipients of *Fired Up!* Awards. Brock Weyer was awarded half tuition to McKinney Law School. Hope White was appointed to the board of WNIN. Noland reviewed enrollment numbers and internships. **Brian McGuire** thanked **Darla Perigo** for tabulating the *Fired Up!* Awards.

Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting & Professional Services Club-Alex Perry listed this semester's guest speakers and student community activities. In fall BAP will have 21 members. This summer BAP's annual meeting is in San Antonio, Texas. They are in the process of officer transition, so current officers have met with incoming officers. **Serena Buzzard** added that they talked with freshman classes about their internships and other topics. It seems to have helped increase memberships in APS Club.

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

McGuire said "impact" was a topic discussed at a recent global AACSB board meeting, and they are impressed with how active our Accounting Circle board members are.

Thomas Noland agrees this is the most active board he has seen as compared to his previous universities.

CLOSING REMARKS and ADJOURNMENT:

Amanda Bingemer appreciates everything that members do. She has volunteer sign-up sheets for various committees and activities.