

**USI Romain College of Business  
Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes  
8:30 a.m., April 23, 2026, BE3025**

**Members Present:** Derek Adams, Carlin Beckman, Amanda Bingemer, Jo Burke, Mike Cahill, Michael Carroll, Bridgitte Danhauer, Ashley Dye, Tony Hiatt, Paige Psyllos, Brittany Skeels, Kelsey Spillman, Celeste Tabor

**Members Absent:** Ryan Clark, Patrick Edwards, Matthew Hunsaker, Andy Lannert, Connie Lucas, Brad Minor, Charlie Pride, Jr., Jason Warford

**Young Professionals Present:** Ashten Brock, Thomas Busche, Andrea Medcalf, Ryan Memmer, Jesse Reising

**Young Professionals Absent:** Daryan Bredemeyer, Lauren Buechler, Kendall Burkart, Shelby Greenwalt, Emily Kendrick, Kelley Lott, Brandon Medcalf, Cassie Muensterman

**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, Winston Young

**WELCOME, MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT, AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Amanda Bingemer** welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for individual introductions. The members renewed by e-vote for another three-year term are **Amanda Bingemer** and **Brad Minor**, and **Tony Hiatt** is Chair-Elect. **Bingemer** announced and welcomed the three newly elected members: **Ashley Dye**, **Aaron Field**, and **Brittany Skeels**. She asked members to put the upcoming events on their calendar.

**MINUTES:**

The Fall 2025 minutes were APPROVED as e-distributed.

**DEAN'S REMARKS:**

**Sudesh Mujumdar** thanked **Thomas Noland** for his contributions, accomplishments and leadership as Chair of the Accounting and Finance Department. **Mujumdar** congratulated **Brian McGuire** for being elected to the Global Accreditation Committee. He also gave an update on the construction of the Center for Applied Business Technology. It is expected to be finished by the fall semester.

**ACCOUNTING CIRCLE REPORT:**

**Extravaganza-Ryan Memmer** thanked those who attended. He received positive feedback from students on the food and networking rotation. Moving the start time up an hour to 5 pm seems to have had a positive impact on attendance. The Accounting Circle fall meeting is October 21, with the Extravaganza following at 5 pm.

**Fundraising Event-Andrea Medcalf** reported on fundraising. With scholarship agreement language updated, we can actively fundraise and revisit the t-shirt fundraiser. She plans to meet with committee members this summer to get a plan for an event

**Amanda Bingemer** said if members make the amounts encouraged, the annual donations will add up to almost half of the \$5,000.

**High School Day Case Competition-Thomas Noland** thanked those who volunteered. There was a record number of students and case teams. This year's High School Business Day is November 12; however, USI Admissions recently reached out to Romain College administrators to consider changing it to November 3 due to their Open House on November 14. There was general agreement among members there should be no issues with moving it to November 3.

(Note: Because of schools being closed for election day in Kentucky, High School Business Day was later moved to November 10th.)

**Merit Badge University-Tony Hiatt** asked for a few more volunteers to help teach the two Merit Badge courses, whether for the full day or part of the day. The materials are already made. The next Merit Badge University is Saturday, February 20, 2027. He commented about the positive impact this event has in getting a large number of people onto the USI campus. He thanked **Carlin Beckman, Bridgitte Danhauer** and **Emily Kendrick**.

**Young Professionals-Andrea Medcalf** is asking for nominations. Candidates can be up to 40 years of age.

**Distinguished Accountant Award-Michael Carroll** explained the award and criteria for new members. It is a meaningful award, but it has been a challenge to get nominations. He asked members to think about people who have made an impact in your life or in the community and would be deserving nominees. **Brian McGuire** thanked **Carroll** for continuing to chair this process.

**Scholarships-Celeste Tabor** and **Bridgette Danhauer** are reviewing the scholarships' agreements, including eligibility and other requirements, as well as proposing changing the names. They are working with USI Foundation on updates. Motion to approve the changes was passed. **Tabor** explained where the online scholarship donation form is on the USI.edu website.

**Accountants in the Classroom-Thomas Noland** listed the people who have spoken to accounting classes, including **Jesse Reising**, Mac Neel, and Jim Stuteville, who is a USI business alumnus.

### **ACCOUNTING CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Thomas Noland** reviewed the Chair's Report in the meeting packet, which included several accounting student awards highlights. The three 2026 Romain College of Business Distinguished Graduate Finalists are all accounting majors. Alex Perry, former president of Beta Alpha Psi, is the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award in

Accounting. **Jaxon Slagley**, the incoming president of Beta Alpha Psi, is the top student in the spring semester *Fired Up!* Award. **Dr. Brett Bueltel** will receive the Dean's Award for Excellence in Service at next week's Board of Advisors meeting.

**Noland** reviewed enrollment, internships, and graduation placement numbers. The MBA program enrollment is trending downward; he assumes that is due to removing the 150 credit hour requirement to take the CPA exam. AI is currently the fastest growing MBA concentration.

**Noland** reviewed his six years as chair of the accounting program. His first Accounting Circle meetings were virtual, when **Mike Carroll** was chair. **Thomas Busche** was president of Beta Alpha Psi. It was an interesting time, 2020-2021, to take over a program. He thanked members for their support and is pleased that this board is more involved and does more than other advisory boards he's been associated with. **Brian McGuire** thanked **Noland** for his service as Chair.

**Case Teams-Jeanette Maier-Lytle's** IMA case team submitted their case recommendations in March and should know by April 30 if they made the final four. If so, she asked members to support the team by allowing them to come to their businesses to practice presenting their case. She thanked **Jaxon Slagley** for his participation on the case team.

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

**Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting & Professional Services Club-Jaxon Slagley** reviewed BAP's membership numbers and volunteer activities. There were several speakers this semester at APS Club and BAP's professional meetings. **Madison Heil** talked about APS Club's membership. Some members attended a conference. They have submitted their required documentation to IMA, and she is hoping they will earn silver status this year. **Winston Young** asked for speakers for APS and BAP professional meetings next semester.

#### **CLOSING REMARKS and ADJOURNMENT:**

**Amanda Bingemer** has volunteer sign-up sheets for various committees and activities. She welcomed **Celeste Tabor** as the new Chair for two years. **Thomas Noland** thanked **Bingemer** for her service and hard work as chair and presented her with a gift of appreciation. **Brian McGuire** thanked **Darla Perigo** for her work for the Accounting Circle behind the scenes.