

USI Romain College of Business  
Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes  
12:30 p.m., April 21, 2022, BEC Board Room

**Members Present:** Derek Adams, Carlin Beckman, Amanda Bingemer, Jo Burke, Michael Carroll, Bridgitte Danhauer, Tony Hiatt, Celeste Tabor, Rob Wedding, Jeff Wilmes

**Members Absent:** Richard Campbell, Patrick Edwards, Brant Kennedy, Connie Lucas, Mark Miles, Brad Minor, Steven Mudd, Roger Orth, Charlie Pride, Nikki Roser, Ashley Schultz, Chris Wolking

**Young Professionals Present:** Clayton Allen, Ryan Clark, Kyle Hoeing, Brandon Medcalf, Amy Mings, Paige Psyllos, Jesse Reising, Zach Scott, Kelsey Spillman, Drew Turpin

**Young Professionals Absent:** Bryce Bullock, Cyndi Hines, Amber Key, Kiersten Roberts, Jason Warford

**Ex-officio Members Present:** Brian McGuire

**Faculty Present:** Brett Bueltel, Thomas Noland, Jennifer Riester

**Communications Associate Present:** Darla Perigo

**Students Present:** Mara Caldieraro, Zachary Fuller

**WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Michael Carroll** welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the names of the members who were elected for another three-year term: **Derek Adams, Michael Carroll, Brant Kennedy, Steve Mudd, and Rob Wedding.** **Carroll** introduced **Carlin Beckman** who is a newly-elected member. **Beckman** gave her career background. **Carroll** introduced **Tony Hiatt** and **Celeste Tabor**, who were Young Professionals and elected as members of the Circle.

**MINUTES:**

The Fall 2021 minutes were APPROVED as e-distributed.

**ACCOUNTING CIRCLE CHAIR'S REPORT:**

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

**Young Professionals- Jesse Reising** reported they are looking for someone to take over **Kiersten Roberts'** role. He said they are prioritizing having a YP at every Beta Alpha Psi and Speaking Eagles Toastmasters meeting. They are taking nominations for new members. **Carroll** noted this would be an amazing opportunity for new graduates and appreciates the importance of their contributions.

**Accountants in the Classroom- Thomas Noland** said several members are scheduled to speak in accounting classes before the end of the semester. **Brian McGuire** said

Accountants in the Classroom is impactful and students are changing their major to accounting after hearing more about the profession.

**High School Day Case and Individual Competition-** **Ryan Clark** gave the update. USI was unable to have the case competition in 2021, but plans are underway for this year's event. **Carroll** said we need connections at the high schools. **McGuire** mentioned getting people to campus and showing off what USI has to offer is key to recruitment.

**Extravaganza-** **Paige Psyllos** reported that student feedback on the Extravaganza in November was positive. She asked for new ideas. There was discussion on whether students take advantage of the lunch certificates and networking opportunity with professionals or whether they feel too intimidated to meet one on one.

**Merit Badge University-** **Bridgitte Danhauer** said her committee was unable to participate in the personal financial management training. However, **McGuire** said the University was pleased to see more than 270 Boy Scouts on campus, and USI President Ronald Rochon was the keynote speaker. **Carroll** thanked **Danhauer** for her leadership, and she expects to participate next February.

**Distinguished Account Award-** **Carroll** will be looking for nominations late July or early August. **Carroll** was last year's recipient and will chair this year's nomination process.

**Fundraising Event-** **Kelsey Spillman** said there has not been a fundraising event for a couple of years, but a committee is working on organizing one this fall. She is aware of the importance of timing and asked for ideas. **McGuire** said the Fifth Year Scholarship is fully endowed, and there is discussion of starting another one.

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

**Thomas Noland** gave an update on the dean's search and gave an overview of the final three candidates. He also reviewed the faculty searches. The AACSB accreditation visit will be in February 2023, and someone on the review committee may want to meet with members of the Circle.

**Financial Reports-** **McGuire** discussed the financials. The Fifth Year Scholarship is now fully endowed, and there is talk of starting a new one. He reviewed other scholarships, and thanked BKD for funds that cover memberships, leadership conferences, etc.

**Internships Report-** **Jennifer Riester** reviewed the numbers on her internships report. She is encouraged to see an increase in internships, post-Covid. Students are asked to report their internships to Career Services. The First Destination Graduate Survey data will be posted on Career Services' website. **McGuire** also needs internship data for AACSB reporting, and he thanked **Riester** for compiling the numbers. **Riester** thanked members for talking to students about getting involved and explaining why internships are important to their future careers.

**Speaking Eagles Toastmasters- Zach Fuller** said they are increasing outreach to add student members. **Carroll** talked about the importance of Toastmasters and coaching students to get involved. **McGuire** reminded members that USI Speaking Eagles was one of the first collegiate chapters in the United States and attributes our business case teams' success to Toastmasters. He encouraged members to speak at Toastmasters and BAP meetings. **Danhauer** will make it a priority to have speakers at meetings.

**Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting & Professional Services Club- Mara Caldieraro** would like to have Meet the Firms in September. She has a signup sheet for speakers for BAP meetings. The new president is **Kaitlyn Sturgeon**.

**Noland** shared that another university increased student participation by having an hour during the day for clubs to hold meetings. In Spring 2023, Romain College of Business will not hold classes from 12 to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday so that student organizations can meet during the day instead of the evenings.

**Networking Event- Noland** explained the networking event, which will be held immediately following the meeting. It started as a Meet the Firms type of event. Members of other advisory boards wanted to get involved, so it is an event for all majors. Students can come and go as their schedule allows. **Riester** thanked the companies for supporting the event and explained that students need to be encouraged to meet employers and grow their network, especially after being off campus during the pandemic.

**Noland** reviewed the Romain College of Business Student Awards. He noted the achievements of the accounting majors in this year's awards: the Distinguished Graduate Award recipient, Chad Winkler, is an accounting major; the Outstanding Achievement Award in Accounting recipient, David Bradley, has been chosen as a Kennedy Law Scholar with a full-tuition scholarship to Indiana University McKinney School of Law; the Outstanding Achievement Award in Economics recipient, Parker Collignon, is an accounting and economics double major who has accepted a position with Deloitte after graduation; the Outstanding Achievement Award in Marketing recipient, Mara Caldieraro, is an accounting and marketing double major; and Mara and Parker were Distinguished Graduate Award finalists. Alumni Luke Blackburn '20, accounting, is the recipient of the USI Law Scholar Award to IU McKinney School of Law.

### **DEAN'S REMARKS**

**Brian McGuire** said the Romain College of Business is prepared for the February 2023 AACSB accreditation visit. There is a pre-visit virtual meeting in May. Several faculty members are writing the College's report. **McGuire** thanked Circle members for their engagement, and he recognized **Carroll** with a gift as this is his last meeting as Chair. **Carroll** turned the meeting over to **Danhauer**, the new Chair. She asked that members sign up for committees so that the board continues moving forward supporting the mission of USI and the Romain College of Business. She welcomed chair-elect **Amanda Bingemer**. The meeting was adjourned to the Networking Event.