

**USI College of Business**  
**Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes**  
**USI Business and Engineering Center Board Room 3024**  
**April 26, 2012**

**Members Present:** Becki Alcorn, Tonya Borders, Donald Breivogel, Kevin Hammett, Michael Haynes, Nikki Roser, Sally Joest, John Schenk, Darryl Spurlock, Connie Wellmeyer, Marvin Wright, Tracy Zeller, Kerry Jackson

**Young Professionals Present:** Derek Adams, Bridgitte Danhauer, Mitch Happe, Kim Kinnaman, Matt Reffett, Kyle Waninger

**Ex-officio Members Present:** Nancy Bizal, Mohammed Khayum, Leslie Nunn

**Faculty Present:** Tim Bryan, Jeanette Maier-Lytle, Brian McGuire, Jamie Seitz, Dan Wade

**Administrative Assistant Present:** Darla Perigo

**Students Present:** Matthew Cooper, Matthew Mitchell, Jonathan Yochum

**Members Absent:** Michael Carroll, Deidra Conner, Steven Farrell, Michael Klueh, Tim McGuire, Mark Miles, Steve Mudd, Jana Pottorff, Nick Rueger, Michelle Schroeder, Liv Watson, Robert Wedding, Larry Whiteside, Jeff Wilmes,

**Young Professionals Absent:** Kevin Farley, Kyle Fields, Emily Hickerson, Lindsay Schmitt

**WELCOME: *Mike Haynes***

**Mike Haynes** welcomed all to the meeting and asked for self-introductions.

**MINUTES: *Mike Haynes***

The Fall 2011 minutes were **APPROVED** as distributed. No discussion or comments.

**MEMBERSHIP: *Mike Haynes***

The nominees for an additional three-year term were **APPROVED**.

Donald Breivogel  
Kerry Jackson  
Mark Miles  
Nikki Roser  
John Schenk  
Connie Wellemeyer  
Jeff Wilmes

The Executive Committee nominated the following new individuals to a three-year term. **APPROVED** were:

Richard Campbell '76, Partner, Myriad CPA Group, LLC  
Randy Haaff '84, Financial Advisor, Raymond James & Associates, Inc.  
Deborah Meinert '94, CFO, Escalade, Inc.  
Bill Schotanus, Vice President of Accounting, MasterBrand Cabinets.

**CHAIR-ELECT: *Mike Haynes***

The Executive Committee nominated and the membership **ELECTED** Rob Wedding for chair-elect for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL: *Les Nunn***

A proposal was presented to add an advisory group to the Accounting Circle for the Finance program because Finance and Accounting are so intertwined. An increasing number of students double major in Accounting and Finance to get hours to sit for the CPA exam. Les Nunn said the finance faculty is on board with this proposal. Industries are changing and Nunn wants to ensure students are well prepared. Faculty would like to see tangible results such as professionals (bankers and investments and insurance representatives) speaking to classrooms. **Becki Alcorn** recommended this be taken into **ADVISEMENT** with more discussion between the faculty and the Executive Committee.

**DEAN'S REMARKS: *Mohammed Khayum***

**Mohammed Khayum** told members this is time to take stock of where we are and to reflect on the University and the College of Business. What is our personality? What is the community saying about who we are? It's not necessarily the same as who we think we are. Perception is reality.

He reported the business core is under review. The College of Business will spend much of the summer preparing for accreditation review and members of the Accounting Circle will be involved in the process. Measuring student skills continues to be a focus.

**ACCOUNTING CIRCLE CHAIR'S REPORT : *Mike Haynes.***

**Mike Haynes** called for the following committee reports:

**Practice/Education Interaction Committee: *Tonya Borders***

Golf Scramble- **Tonya Borders** noted the Accounting Circle Golf Scramble was last fall and the results were presented at the fall meeting.

High School Day/Extravaganza- The report was presented at the fall meeting.

Faculty Internships- **Tonya Borders** reported that her understanding is that because of the need for Ph.D. class coverage, faculty internships were not explored this past semester.

Student Internships/Co-ops- **Nancy Bizal** emailed a detailed report to members.

Accounting Extravaganza- **Bridgitte Danhauer** passed out a summary of student feedback. The event rated about a 4 out of 5. Students want more interaction with professionals. About 75 student surveys were completed. Overall it was a successful night.

Distinguished Accountant Report- **Bridgitte Danhauer** reported that **Bob Smith** was very surprised at the Extravaganza when he was presented with the 2011-2012 Distinguished Accountant Award.

Young Professionals- **Sally Joest** and her committee are compiling determinants, for example, regarding age limits, for credentials of Young Professionals.

### **Academic Relations**

Accountants in the Classroom- **Jeanette Maier-Lytle** reported members who speak in a classroom find the experience rewarding.

Speaking Eagles Toastmasters- **Dan Wade** reported this year had higher than average membership and attendance than in past years. A member of the Accounting Circle attended every meeting which sent a strong message. Students look forward to members' presence at the meetings. An area of improvement was more in-depth participation from area-wide Toastmasters clubs. Next year, Dan Wade will not be able to attend every meeting; **Jamie Seitz** will be the co-sponsor and attend in his absence.

**Matthew Mitchell** thanked the Accounting Circle for its support. Public speaking is one of the most important soft skills a student can have and is critical for landing a job. The group also helps members with leadership skills. Dan Wade congratulated Matt Mitchell on earning the "Competent Speaker" designation. **Matthew Cooper** mentioned he has students asking him about Toastmasters and is particularly pleased that this shows growth of the club. **Jonathan Yochum** thanked the Accounting Circle for its support.

Beta Alpha Psi- **Matthew Mitchell** reported Beta Alpha Psi membership is experiencing steady growth. He reported the new Accounting Tutor Room doesn't have a great deal of interest yet but expects interest will pick up as word spreads. He wants to work with the Marketing Club to help get the word out about the Accounting Tutor Room. "It has feet so it is ready to grow!"

**Brian McGuire** pointed out that Beta Alpha Psi isn't only for Accounting majors. It is also for Finance and CIS majors but very few join or get involved. Tonya Borders questioned why non-Accounting majors aren't joining. Matt Mitchell agreed it would be nice to have more Finance and CIS majors, but the perception is Beta Alpha Psi is geared toward Accounting.

Les Nunn reported briefly on his trip to Chicago chaperoning four Beta Alpha Psi members to attend the annual conference.

Accounting and Professional Services Club- **Matthew Cooper** reported that the APS Club was awarded the Gold Certificate of Excellence from IMA.

**ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT CHAIR'S REPORT: Les Nunn**

**Les Nunn** thanked everyone for their involvement.

IMA Endeavor Team – **Jeanette Maier-Lytle** introduced **Matthew Cooper** and **Jonathan Yochum**, two of the four members of the team, who are presenting a case study at the IMA Meeting on May 17. Matt talked about the hard work preparing for the case study. The topic is a baseball team utilizing its facility during the off season. Maier-Lytle said she is very proud of the four members.

Accounting Circle Appreciation – **Les Nunn** presented Michael Haynes an appreciation plaque for effective leadership of the Accounting Circle 2010-2012.

**NEXT STEPS:**

**Becki Alcorn** asked that members commit to regroup over the summer.

**Becki Alcorn**, Accounting Circle Chair for 2012-2014, recognized **Darryl Spurlock** who is retiring and thanked him for his years of service to the Accounting Circle.

**ADJOURNED**