

**USI Romain College of Business
Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes
Business and Engineering Center BE0035
3:30 p.m., April 27, 2016**

Members Present: Tonya Borders, Richard Campbell, Michael Carroll, Kyle Fields, Brad Minor, Jana Mitchell, Ann Muehlbauer, Roger Orth, Nick Rueger, Bill Schotanus, Rob Wedding, Connie Wellmeyer, Jeff Wilmes, Doug Wurmnest, Tracy Zeller

Members Absent: Donald Breivogel, Carolyn Dearmond, Jarod Florence, Randy Haaff, Susan Hardwick, Kerry Jackson, Deborah Meinert, Rod Meyer, Mark Miles, Steve Mudd, Nikki Roser, Chris Wolking

Young Professionals Present: Derek Adams, Taylor Atkins, Amanda Bingemer, Anna Shade Bullock, Bridgitte Danhauer, Mitch Happe, Angela Reckelhoff, Matt Reffett, Kiersten Roberts, Ashley Schultz, Kelsie Spillman, Kyle Waninger

Young Professionals Absent: Kevin Farley, Kim Kinnaman, David Ubelhor

Ex-officio Members Present: Nancy Bizal, Mohammed Khayum, Brian McGuire

Ex-officio Members Absent: Kevin Hammett

Faculty Present: Julie Brauser, Tim Bryan, Jeanette Maier-Lytle, Jill Oeding, Brian Routh

Administrative Assistant Present: Darla Perigo

Students Present: Emily Cummings, Chase Eubanks, Kyle Hoeing, Luis Macias, Aaron McCullough, Ashley Wright

WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:

Rob Wedding welcomed all to the meeting and asked for self-introductions.

MINUTES:

The Fall 2015 minutes were **APPROVED** as e-distributed.

ACCOUNTING CIRCLE CHAIR'S REPORT:

Wedding read the names of the new members appointed to three year terms and welcomed the ones who were in attendance. He read the names of the members elected to additional three year terms. He recognized the retiring members and announced **Steve Mudd** is Chair-Elect.

Wedding called for the following reports:

Accounting Circle 5th Year Scholarship- There was discussion on whether to award the 5th year scholarship in increments or let it build to endowment. The Foundation needs direction from the Circle on how to distribute the funds. There was a motion to begin disbursing the funds of the 5th year senior scholarship effective May 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year, with the faculty selecting the recipient(s).

Young Professionals- **Bridgitte Danhauer** reported that the Young Professionals had their annual meeting.

Danhauer said the Young Professionals are committed to supporting Beta Alpha Psi by attending meetings, similar to how Circle members attend Toastmasters.

Fundraising & Networking (Bowling) Event- **Danhauer** reported the fundraising event will be in September or October, and she will share details when finalized.

Extravaganza- **Danhauer** said the Extravaganza will be either October 26 or 27.

High School Day Case Competition- **Danhauer** said the High School event will be November 5. **Richard Campbell** and **Amanda Bingemer** are co-chairs. **Bingemer** reported their committee will focus on recruiting high school students to USI's accounting program. She gave a brief history. USI graduate assistant **Aaron McCullough** will be instrumental in planning the event; he has wanted to bring a high school level case competition to USI, similar to what he experienced when he participated in one in high school. **McCullough** expressed his excitement about the competition coming to fruition. The committee is still working on a tentative schedule, and will need volunteers and mentors for the event. There will be individual and team competitions with trophies and a monetary award as well as networking opportunities. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and they are hoping to conduct campus tours. They would like to provide all participants with USI and/or Romain College tshirts. Committee members are in the process of contacting high school principals.

Distinguished Accountant Report- As recipient of the Distinguished Accountant Award in 2015, **Tracy Zeller** is Chair of this committee for 2016. **Zeller** is organizing the binder of policies and procedures for this committee. It has been around since the committee was formed, so it is very thick and contains redundant information. She has updated some information, and will collaborate with **Brian McGuire** on what can be purged. **Zeller** passed out paper copies of the nomination form.

Faculty Internships- **Kyle Waninger** said there is no new activity to report. **Jeanette Maier-Lytle** talked about the logistics of her faculty internships. She has participated in three faculty internships, and each has been very different from the others. **McGuire** has participated in one, and **Brett Long** and **Dan Wade** have also. A faculty internship could be an engagement opportunity for non-tenured track accounting faculty members.

McGuire said it is professionally beneficial for our accounting faculty members and an excellent opportunity to bring the experience back to the classroom.

Accountants in the Classroom- **Maier-Lytle** thanked the volunteers who have spoken in her classes. **Wedding** reiterated how enjoyable it is to participate, and said sometimes it turns into a mentoring relationship with students.

Speaking Eagles Toastmasters- **Tim Bryan** introduced **Chase Eubanks**, past president, who recapped the club's achievements for the year. By December, all club officers were trained. Speaking Eagles achieved Distinguished Club status for the third year in a row. Three members became competent communicators, which means they each have given ten speeches over the course of their membership, and three members became competent leaders, which means they have fulfilled every role in the club and that usually takes about two years to complete.

Bryan asked for volunteers to attend the meetings, whether Circle members or someone from their organization. He mentioned that it could be a recruitment tool for employers to find hardworking students.

DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING PROGRAM'S REMARKS

Case Competition Teams:

McGuire referred to a page in the meeting packet that lists all the case competitions Romain College students have participated in during the 2015-2016 school year. **Maier-Lytle** reviewed the teams for which she was faculty advisor. She reminded Circle members USI competes against universities that are the cream of the crop. **Luis Macias** learned so much about other cultures and perceptions when he participated in the University of Florida competition. **McGuire** said the big four accounting firms actively recruit students who have been case team members because of their skills, competence, and confidence. **Maier-Lytle** is still waiting to hear whether the USI team made the final four in the IMA challenge. Of the Royal Roads team, **Maier-Lytle** said that while they did not make it to the finals, it was gratifying to hear judges say the USI team was well-coached and were outstanding presenters, and they enjoyed their creative ideas. **Bryan** co-coached the Royal Roads team, and said the competition is extremely stressful for the students.

Investment Accounting Track Students' Trip to Chicago:

Jill Oeding and **Bryan** traveled to Chicago with 11 Investment Accounting Track students, and were guests of SS&C Technologies. The group also met with two USI alums, and toured the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank and the Chicago Board of Options Exchange.

Accounting Scholarship Recipients Paper Report:

McGuire referenced a paper in the meeting packet that listed this year's recipients of the accounting scholarships.

Beta Alpha Psi:

Luis Macias reported the club has 26 members, and they are trying to use technology to increase memberships. **McGuire** said there used to be only nine members, so it is exciting to see how the chapter is growing.

Internships Report- **Julie Brauser** thanked those who have hosted internships. She reminded Circle members that Career Services can only track the internships they know about so the totals in the report in the meeting packet are probably slightly low.

DEAN'S REMARKS

Rob Wedding presented the Outstanding Accounting Graduate Award to **Emily Cummings**. **Mohammed Khayum** announced the IMA Outstanding Senior Award went to **Chase Eubanks**, and **Cummings** is this year's Distinguished Graduate from the Romain College.

Tonya Borders thanked **Wedding** for his dedication, service, and leadership as Chair of the Circle and presented him with a framed picture of the University. **Wedding** expressed his gratitude and noted the changes he has seen over the years. He said he is honored that the last thing he gets to do as Chair is to present a token of appreciation to **Nancy Bizal**, referring to her as an icon of the University, and wished her well in retirement.

CLOSING REMARKS AND MEETING ADJOURNED

High School Recruitment – Case Competition

- November 5th (Saturday) at the University of Southern Indiana
- Team competition will consist of teams with 3-5 members – trophies for top 4 teams with a monetary award for the top school
- Individual competition – monetary awards
- High school students and their parents will be able to network with current USI students, faculty, and accounting professionals
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided throughout the day

*We are hoping to provide mentors to each school participating.

Innovation, Engagement, and Impact

2015-2016 Business Case Team Competitions

#8hrChallenge

- Top Three Teams: The Freshmen team: Ryan Loehrlein (Engineering), Brie Phillips (Marketing), and Mariah Marcuson (Business Administration); The Team 1 team: BreAnn Lane (Management), Terrance Lewis (Finance), and Christian Miller (Finance); and The Beta Alpha Psi team: Luis Macias (Accounting), Jesse Reising (CIS), and Ryan Clark (Accounting)
- 59 USI students / 17 teams
- Organizing committee: Dr. Dinko Bacic, Tim Bryan, Dr. Kevin Celuch Dr. Manfen Chen, Jeanette Maier-Lytle, Dr. Jack Smothers
- More videos, photos, and information are available at usi.edu/8hrChallenge

Association of Information Technology Professionals National Collegiate Conference (AITP)

- Ben Brown (Computer Science), Bradley Cadden (Computer Science), Carly Rhoades (Computer Science), Anatolie Stepanov (CIS), and Colton Wagner (Computer Science)
- Brad and Carly took first place in the MS Office Solutions competition
- Ben and Anatolie passed ICCP Certification exam (58 attempted the exam/24 passed)
- Faculty advisor: Dr. Kenneth Shemroske

Alberta Energy Challenge held at the University of Alberta in Edmonton Canada

- Alicia Bowling (Marketing), Connor Curry (Accounting), Ryan Elpers (Engineering), and Casey Montgomery (Industrial Supervision)
- Faculty advisors: Dr. Manfen Chen, Dr. Brandon Field, and Jeanette Maier-Lytle
- USI took first place of nine teams

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Case Competition (AICPA)

- Chase Eubanks (Accounting), Brandon Medcalf (Accounting), Erica Oberbroeckling (Accounting), and Zach Reed (Accounting)
- Faculty advisor: Tim Bryan

Community Bank Case Study Competition

- Abigail Bridges (Finance), Caitlin Chestnut (Finance), Benjamin Peyronnin (Management), and Joseph Thouvenot (Finance)
- Faculty advisor: Charles Kelly
- Second year for the challenge; first year for USI to enter
- Results for finalist teams will be announced late May

Heavener International Case Competition

- Inaugural competition hosted at University of Florida in Gainesville, FL
- USI was only one of four universities from the United States invited; the remaining sixteen teams were from universities in Canada, Europe, Asia, and Oceania
- Alicia Bowling (Marketing), Kelley Lott (Accounting), Luis Macias (Accounting), and Jacob Titzer (Marketing)
- Faculty advisors: Jeanette Maier-Lytle and Jamie Seitz

Information Systems Project + Case Competition hosted by Miller College of Business at Ball State University

- Three teams: Home Nursing Service System: Bradley Cadden (Computer Science), Dylan Claywell (Computer Science), Ivy Griffin (Art), Logan Hayford (Computer Science), Aaron Porter (Computer Science), and Colton Wagner (Computer Science). 3D Virtual Reality for New Harmony: Jace Bittner (Computer Science), Michael Lee (Computer Science), and Christopher Mallory (Computer Science). Magic Screen: Jordan Felty (CIS), Hannah Meadows (Computer Science), and Walter Fisher (Computer Science)
- The Home Nursing Service System Team earned 1st Runner Up in Project Presentation and 2nd Runner Up in Case Solution
- Faculty advisors: Dr. Dinko Bacic and Dr. Gongjun Yan

Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)

- Kyle Hoeing (Accounting), Aaron McCullough (MBA), Olivia Meyer (Accounting) and Carly Whitesell (Accounting)
- Will know late May if USI is named a final four team
- 2015 marked USI's 9th time as a final four team as well as USI being only the second university to take first place five times
- Faculty advisor: Jeanette Maier-Lytle

Royal Roads University International Undergraduate Case Competition at Royal Roads University in Victoria, British Columbia

- Josh Beiriger (Accounting), Erica Oberbroeckling (Accounting), Robert Rich (Marketing), Cole Schafer (Marketing), and Morgan Thewes (Marketing)
- Faculty advisors: Tim Bryan and Jeanette Maier-Lytle
- The USI team was one of only four teams from the United States invited to participate (20 total)

Startup Weekend Evansville 5.0

- Sponsored by Romain College of Business (among other sponsors) and held in Business & Engineering Center Atrium
- First place went to USI student Ryan Loehrlein's (Engineering) team

	Award / Scholarship
Erica Oberbroeckling	Academic Achievement Award in Accounting and Professional Services
John C. Curry	Roxy Mitchell Baas Memorial Scholarship
Luis F. Macias	BKD Accounting Award
Rachel N. Coleman	Breivogel Accounting Scholarship
Anna M. Welcher	Breivogel Accounting Scholarship
Rachel N. Coleman	Craig R. Ehlen Scholarship
Austin K. Leible	Wanda B. Hibbitts Accounting Scholarship
Brandon D. Medcalf	Wanda B. Hibbitts Accounting Scholarship
Ashley T. Wright	Institute of Management Accountants Outstanding Junior Scholarship
Chase J. Eubanks	Institute of Management Accountants Outstanding Senior Award
Ashley K. Whitfield	Robert & Velva Kaffenberger Accounting Scholarship
Kyle J. Hoeing	Charles B. Michaels Memorial Scholarship
Ashley N. Brandenberger	Rosemarie Newhouse Memorial Scholarship
Kelley S. Lott	Rosemarie Newhouse Memorial Scholarship
Andrea M. Seifert	Rosemarie Newhouse Memorial Scholarship
Emily M. Cummings	Outstanding Accounting Graduate Award
Jazmine M. Skelton	Dan Wade Accounting Scholarship
Jason A. Estes	Wiley CPAexcel CPA Review Course Scholarship

Romain College of Business Accounting Professional Services Internship Report Spring 2015 to Fall 2015

Semester	Major	EMPLOYER
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Brown, Smith, and Settle LLC
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Myriad CPA
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2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Sky Cylinder
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Walter Arnet CPA
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2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Kemper CPA Group
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Crane Naval
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Liberty Tax Service
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	BKD, LLP - Certified Public Accountants
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2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	SABIC Innovative Plastics
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	BKD, LLP - Certified Public Accountants
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Heritage Petroleum
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Heathcotte & Weinzapfel LLC
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Karen L. Schenk & Associate
2015 SPRING	Accounting and Profession Serv	Myriad CPA
2015 SPRING Count		18
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Berry Plastics Coproration
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Vectren Corporation
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Edward Jones
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Jasper Engines & Transmissions
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	SS&C Technologies
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Brown, Smith, and Settle LLC
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	SS&C Technologies
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Vectren Corporation
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	PTI
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Regency Commercial Associates LLC
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	PTI
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	George Koch Sons
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Southwestern Healthcare, Inc.
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Vectren Corporation
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Vectren Corporation
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Karen L. Schenk & Associate
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	Crane Environmental Services, LLC
2015 SUMMER	Accounting and Profession Serv	United Companies
2015 SUMMER Count		19
2015 FALL	Accounting and Profession Serv	Brown, Smith, and Settle LLC
2015 FALL	Accounting and Profession Serv	SS&C Technologies
2015 FALL	Accounting and Profession Serv	Koch Enterprises, Inc.
2015 FALL	Accounting and Profession Serv	Berry Plastics Coproration
2015 FALL	Accounting and Profession Serv	SABIC Innovative Plastics
2015 FALL	Accounting and Profession Serv	Heritage Petroleum
2015 FALL	Accounting and Profession Serv	Karen L. Schenk & Associate

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Semester	Major	EMPLOYER
2015 FALL	Accounting and Profession Serv	Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
2015 FALL Count		8
Grand Count		45