

**USI Romain College of Business
Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes
University Center, Carter Hall
4:00 p.m., November 11, 2017**

Members Present: Carolyn Dearmond, Kevin Hammett, Rod Meyer, Steve Mudd, Bill Schotanus, Connie Wellmeyer, Chris Wolking

Members Absent: Tonya Borders,

Tim Bryan is faculty advisor for the Alberta Not For Profit team.

the IMA Student Leadership Conference in Houston, Texas. **McGuire** mentioned that the USI chapter was one of only five chapters nationwide recognized as a gold chapter.

Mohammed Khayum is paying attention to high school demographics due to the dip in our accounting program enrollment. He is not sure why high school students are not gravitating toward business degrees. This will be noted in the upcoming AACSB accreditation report, but USI has addressed this by the outreach to the high schools and the High School Day event. The accreditation visit will be January 21-23, 2018, and members of the Accounting Circle and Young Professionals will be involved in some of the meetings. **Khayum** encouraged members to discuss the quality of the business and accounting programs. Members who are USI alumni hold high positions, so that may be a placement metric, as well as sustaining relationships over time.

Khayum also noted the accounting program is evolving and in a rebuilding stage. There are new faculty with new requirements, and he expects to have to explain turnover rates. Faculty internships are an important way to show how faculty keep current in their fields.

McGuire made members aware that for about 25 years, USI has hosted Merit Badge University attended by more than 400 Boy Scouts each February. There are two merit badges related to business, American Business and Personal Management. He asked if anyone is interested in being a Merit Badge counselor, because this might be a good way to introduce these young people to business.

Kevin Hammett added that the high quality of USI interns is making an impact on companies and businesses, and it is a testament to the quality of the University of Southern Indiana.

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