Letter from the Chair:

Greetings!

The faculty, staff, and students were very welcoming when I arrived last Summer at the University of Cincinnati as Department Head and Professor of Accounting. It has been very busy since then; indeed lots have happened here the last couple years. For example, converting quarters to semesters was a huge undertaking. This is just a brief update about the UC accounting program.

A major priority is recruiting new Accounting and Business Law faculty. The Accounting Program has grown and now has almost 700 Undergraduate Majors, several dozen MS Accounting students, and over 40 students in our online MS Tax and tax certificate programs. With this growth, retirements, and other changes, the department was constricted and it became vital to find additional faculty members.

The first phase was hiring three new full-time Educators, who joined the Carl H. Lindner College of Business in 2012 and 2013. The next page of this update includes their photos and brief bios.

Phase two was recruiting three faculty with PhDs in accounting to replace PhDs who had retired, etc. After an extensive search, three new faculty will join the Accounting Department in August 2014.

Dr. Mark Myring, currently Accounting Department Chair and Alumni Distinguished Professor of Accounting at Ball State University joins us as a Full Professor with the Geis Chair. Mark will be an Accounting PhD Program Director. Our last four accounting PhD students graduated in 2012, and we hope to welcome three or four new doctoral students in Fall 2015. Dr. Natalia Mintchik joins us as an Associate Professor and comes from the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Dr. Rick Warne will be an Assistant Professor and comes from George Mason University in Virginia.

In February, Barb Metzger retired from UC after almost 40 years – including 16 years in our department. Thank You Barb! Please welcome Toshia Watkins, our new Department Administrator.

A primary goal for next year is to hire more faculty – as four current faculty will probably retire in May 2015. The Dean has authorized us to find four replacements and to hire one new faculty for our growing MS Tax program.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their help during my transition to UC. The UC Accounting Program has a strong tradition and many things for which to be proud - and I want to make it even stronger. I hope to meet many of you over the next few years.

Robert R. Lindon
Our Newest Faculty Members

Molly Rogers, CPA, is an Assistant Professor - Educator of Accounting. She earned her MBA at the University of Cincinnati in Finance. She started her career at Ernst and Whinney in audit and then Healthcare Consulting. After 10 years she left Ernst for Xavier University’s Masters in Healthcare Administration Program as an Assistant Professor of Accounting and Finance. For 17 years she was Director of Reimbursement at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Northern Kentucky. She serves or has served on several Boards, including Dental Care Plus, Inc. Her teaching interests are in managerial, cost, non-profit, and financial accounting.

Maureen Bruns graduated from UC with a BBA in accounting and went on to earn her CPA and to complete a Master’s of Business Administration from Xavier University with a concentration in taxation. She is the current Academic Director of the MS Tax Program and an Assistant Professor – Educator. Maureen’s professional experience includes more than 20 years in public accounting with Barnes Dennig & Co. and a large national firm. At Barnes, Dennig & Co, she achieved the role of Principal and Senior Tax Manager. She worked with clients in numerous industries, which gives her unique insights into best practices of successful companies. She has considerable experience with manufacturers and as such she worked closely with the firm’s manufacturing client service team. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and The Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Peter Burrell, is an Assistant Professor – Educator. He has a BA from Ohio Wesleyan University and a JD from the University of Notre Dame. He is a Partner at the law firm of Pinales, Stachler, Young, Burrell & Crouse LPP. He teaches courses in Business Law, including Legal Environment, Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship, Corporate Legal and Social Responsibility, and Business Organizations, Securities and Accountants’ Legal Liability