

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
LOUIS F. BIAGIONI
(March 7, 1931 – February 2, 2016)

Throughout his career, Professor Louis F. Biagioni (Lou) impacted the lives of thousands of students with his dedication to teaching, zeal to excel and passion for accounting.

Born in 1931, Lou passed away in his Bloomington home on February 2, 2016. Early in his life Lou realized that he had a special talent for teaching. As a teen, he participated in local recreation programs, teaching younger children how to play baseball and other sports. This service was an early hallmark in a life that would eventually lead to a career in higher education as a professor of accounting.

Lou earned his undergraduate degree in business from Boston College (1953). After graduation he served in the Finance Corps of the U.S. Army. Upon completion of his military service, he obtained his MBA from Indiana University (Bloomington, 1958) and his PhD from the University of Missouri (Columbia, 1964). Following his studies, Lou joined the faculty at the University of Iowa where his tenure included serving as chair of its Accounting Department. In 1974, Lou transferred to a faculty position with Indiana University (Bloomington) which he held until he retired in 1997.

While a member of the faculty, Lou served Indiana University in several capacities. For a number of years he served on the Budgetary Affairs Committee of the Bloomington Faculty Council, chaired the Halls of Residence Committee, and performed a study of the Office of the Bursar. He also served on the audit committees of the IU Credit Union and the IU Foundation for which he received a national distinguished service award. He participated in the faculty exchange program with Ljubljana University in Slovenia in 1977.

Lou held many roles at the Kelley School of Business, including associate dean. During his tenure, he taught a variety of financial, managerial, and system courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He also developed and taught professional education programs for candidates preparing for the CPA examination and various corporations, including Cummins Engine.

A champion of the integration of computer technology in undergraduate education, Lou was one of the first in the country to author microcomputer software for accounting curriculum. He also assisted to incorporate microcomputer technology into the undergraduate integrated core program. He served as faculty advisor to the honorary accounting fraternity

(Beta Alpha Psi) and the Student Accounting Society.

Lou was also a pioneer in advocating for women in the business arena, especially accounting. Although he encouraged and saw numerous female students enter the profession, Lou was most proud of his two daughters who became CPA's.

In addition to his teaching credentials, Lou was a CPA, member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Indiana Society of CPAs, Beta Alpha Psi, and Beta Gamma Sigma. He also enjoyed performing community service work with the Boys' Club, the Monroe County Historical Society Museum, and St. Charles Catholic Church.

Colleagues and students remember Lou as ethical, professional, and generous with his experience. Although Lou has a lasting legacy through the students he influenced, he considered his children, four of whom are Kelley graduates, his true legacy.

This resolution is submitted to become a permanent part of the minutes of the Bloomington Faculty Council and copies should be sent to Lou's wife, Joan Biagioni, his children Diane Biagioni, Anita Campbell, Peter Biagioni, Carla Biagioni and David Biagioni, and Laureen Maines.

Diane Biagioni, Kelley School of Business
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