

# Red Stick Times

*The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University*

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016

## VIP'S

The School holds a meeting of its Executive Committee this Thursday. Presiding will be Watts Steger, Chairman of the Bank of Botetourt and President of GSB, Mac Deaver, President of the Mississippi Bankers Association and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Others on campus and attending are Robert Taylor, CEO of the Louisiana Bankers Association and Chairman-Elect of the School, Mark Holladay, Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, Synovus Bank, Columbus, GA and President-elect of the School and John Jordan, Immediate Past President and Don Woodland, Executive Vice President and Director of GSB.

## ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS WITH ADMINISTRATION

The next meeting between the Administration and the Advisory Council will be at lunch time Wednesday in the private dining room in the back of 459 Commons Cafeteria.

## BANK STUDY PROJECTS ON-LINE

The Freshman and Junior bank study projects are posted on-line at [gsblsu.org](http://gsblsu.org), click on **Session**, then the appropriate **Freshman Bank Study Projects**, or **Junior Bank Study Projects** tab. Everything you need for your project is on this website page. You should print your projects along with the cover sheets. Freshmen and Juniors should each have five projects. You will **not** be given copies of these projects at the Session.

### TODAY @ GSB

11:45 BMSim CEO Luncheon  
4:45 1st Year Case Groups  
4:45 BMSim Prep Groups  
5:30 – 7:00 Dinner

## ENROLLMENT

THE enrollment at this Session is 563 bankers and regulators who hail from 20 states, and Mexico. With 99 students, the state of Louisiana leads all others, followed by Mississippi.

With 563 students, the Graduate School of Banking at LSU continues to be one of the largest schools of its kind in the nation.

## 2016 STUDENT BODY BY STATES AND NATIONS

	'16	'17	'18	Total
Alabama	14	9	9	32
Arkansas	6	7	6	19
Florida	22	6	9	37
Georgia	15	17	16	48
Kansas	1	0	3	4
Kentucky	11	7	13	31
Louisiana	35	30	34	99
Maryland	1	2	1	4
Mexico	15	16	16	47
Mississippi	26	31	22	79
Missouri	2	3	5	10
Nebraska	1	0	1	2
New Mexico	0	1	0	1
North Carolina	9	6	3	18
Ohio	0	1	0	1
Oklahoma	2	1	4	7
South Carolina	12	3	7	22
Tennessee	25	17	32	74
Texas	3	3	3	9
Virginia	5	4	8	17
West Virginia	0	2	0	2
TOTAL .....	205	166	192	563

The School communicates with you and all of our graduates by email. If we don't have your correct email address on file, be sure to send it to us at [donw@gsblsu.org](mailto:donw@gsblsu.org).

## 2017 SCHEDULE FOR GSB

What determines when the School's annual session is held? Because of its size, the school cannot be held on campus when the university conducts its regular sessions, and therefore we must fit in between the Spring and Summer terms. The scheduling of these sessions is done by the university.

Dates for the 2017 schedule are not definite, but mark May 21 – June 2, 2017 on your calendar. We are reasonably sure this will be our time slot for next year.

## BMSIM CEO LUNCHEON

BMSim chief executive officers are attending a special luncheon today at the Club @ Union Square located on Highland Road. The purpose of the luncheon is to recognize the extra workloads the CEO's have carried as heads of their banks.

The speaker will be Watts Steger.

## MEXICAN PARTY

The Junior/Senior Class will host the Tequila Tuesday party TONIGHT from 7:00pm - 10:00pm at Barcadia (next to the Varsity). The party is hosted by the Junior and Senior classes. (Freshman pay \$10 cover.) Festivities also include food, beverages and games. All students must have their GSB name badge to get in. We remind you to be considerate of your apartment neighbors as you make your way back to campus and not make too much noise!

## SENIOR PARTY

The Senior party will be held on Wednesday from 7:00pm – 10:00pm at Barcadia (next to the Varsity). The function is hosted by the Junior and Senior classes; faculty and staff are invited. Festivities include New Orleans style food, beverages, as well as a live band – The Tricky Dickies. All students must have their GSB name badge to get in.

**PLEASE** remember that we are guests on the LSU Campus and that the short summer session is now in progress. This means that many classrooms, some adjacent to our rooms, are being used by the University. Please show university students and faculty proper courtesy when walking past the rooms.

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The School is getting rich from fines paid by the BankSim teams. So far the School's coffers have been expanded by \$3,000,000 in fines paid by errant bank management. The school appreciates this contribution.

## 459 CAFETERIA

You may have noticed that the cafeteria is leaving its doors open for dinner until 7:00pm. This change was made to accommodate prep teams which become engaged in lively discussions in their 4:45 – 5:45 sessions.

## EATS

The staff at the 459 Commons Cafeteria do an excellent job for the school and some staff members have commented about the healthy appetites of bankers. When you get home check to see if your appetite has been converted into pounds.

About the only complaint we receive about the food service is that it is too much. The school has no regulation that all food must be eaten.

## FIRST WEEK EVALUATIONS

Student evaluations for courses and faculty for the first week were generally positive and the administration appreciates your comments. Faculty scores and comments will be reviewed carefully by the administration in the planning process for the 2017 Session. We look forward to receiving your comments on the second week program, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation.

*Points to Ponder ...*

*Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking will.* Zig Ziglar

*Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out.* Art Linkletter

*If we did all the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves.* Thomas Edison

*Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can.* John Wooden