

Red Stick Times

The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The School's administration met for lunch last Friday with the 18 members of the Student Advisory Council. Your class officers met last Friday at lunch with the school's administration to report on the session. The comments were generally very positive regarding faculty, facilities, and cafeteria services. It was suggested that students be assigned to different floors in the apartments each year so, for example, one would not have to climb every year three floors of stairs to go home. It was also suggested that attendance at the Tuesday evening lecture be required. Those not attending last Tuesday really missed an outstanding talk. Serious consideration will be given to this suggestion and questions from the talk will be included on the final examination.

The administration commented that all these concerns would be addressed at future meetings of the School's Executive Committee.

The next meeting between the Administration and Council will be at 11:45am this Wednesday at the 459 Commons Cafeteria in the private dining room in the rear of the building.

THE REAL WORLD

Your colleagues in the real world back home are probably enjoying a day out of the bank and participating in family barbeques, picnics, and other fun activities while you are sitting in class and listening to stimulating lectures. The School session seems to always conflict with the Memorial Day holiday. You should probably remind your CEO of your sacrifice and plead for a compensating day off! Good Luck!

TODAY @ GSB

4:45-5:45 1st Year Case Groups
5:30-7:00 Dinner

CONSUMPTION

Bankers can eat a lot of food and drink a lot of liquid. At the school party last Friday evening between 5:00 and 7:30pm, 23,808 ounces of beer were drank (about 1,900 cups) and 1700 pounds of crawfish, 800 chicken parts, and 300 pounds of jambalaya were eaten. This was in addition to the soft drinks, salad and bread that were served. It was apparent that all passed a good time.

FINAL GRADES

Several members of the Advisory Council raised questions regarding grades earned at the School. Upon graduation, your transcript will show sixteen grades - three grades on examinations taken after each week of the school, and ten grades on the bank study projects. You are not assigned an "overall" grade for first year exams nor for your first or second year work. Graduates do not receive class rankings upon graduation. This has been tried without success because the school has so few grades.

Grades received are held in strict confidence by the School. Only you know your grade. The School does not send grades to your CEO or to anyone else without your permission, even though they may be requested.

EXAMINATORS

The BankSim examination team of John Land, Tod Truelove, and David Coyle make an important contribution to the educational value of the school by assuring that the simulated bankers follow safe and sound banking practices and policies. Examiner Land has reported that he has greater difficulties keeping the faculty, Jody Hudgens and Mike Ayotte, in line than he has with the students. He vows that in future sessions he will pay more attention to the faculty assigned to him.

2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

The GSB provides a scholarship annually to the top graduate of the state banking school in our sponsoring states. The award is made by the state banker association and the school director. The following list of Freshmen students received one-year scholarships.

- **Brett Aaron**, Loan Officer, First National Bank, Russell Springs, KY
- **Kayla Hawkins**, Wilson Bank & Trust, Lebanon, TN
- **Jonathan Kruckow**, Skyline National Bank, Blacksburg, VA
- **Britni Lacour**, Simmesport State Bank, Simmesport, LA
- **Timothy Lane**, South State Bank, Columbia, SC
- **David Langford**, United Bank, Martinsburg, WV
- **Alan Miller**, American National Bank & Trust, Roanoke, VA
- **Zachary Price**, First National Bank of Wynne, Harrisburg, AR
- **Chase Thornton**, CenterState Bank of Florida, Lakeland, FL
- **Shawn Tyra**, Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Jackson, KY
- **Stephen Whittaker**, First National Bank, Bainbridge, GA

The School also provides one-year scholarships to bank regulatory agencies in our 15 sponsoring states. Attending the session on scholarship are four examiners:

- **Kathryn Ennis**, Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions, New Orleans, LA
- **Jack Jackson**, GA Dept. of Banking & Finance, Buford, GA
- **Frankie Keeling**, GA Dept. of Banking & Finance, Valdosta, GA
- **Tim Reunions**, TN Dept. of Financial Institutions, Hollow Rock, TN
- **Michael Sisco**, MS Dept. of Banking & Consumer Finance, Jackson, MS

- **John Tubb**, TN Dept. of Financial Institutions, Murfreesboro, TN

ATTENTION SENIORS

THE graduation news release for Seniors is now available on-line. Those who feel reasonably confident by now that they are home free may want to send the good news to their local paper.

MEXICAN PARTY

The Junior/Senior Class will host the Tequila Tuesday party on Tuesday 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.

As you may know cactus juice has a strong effect on those who imbibe, so be careful and be sure you are in attendance at the 8:15am class on Wednesday. The traditional school requirement to start on time and stop on time will be observed.

BY BANKERS, FOR BANKERS

The governance of the school is unique among other graduate schools of banking in that the top administrative body is composed of practicing commercial bank officers. Each of the 15 sponsoring states is represented on the board by a banker-graduate who serves a two-year term and a president and president-elect, who are also bankers. Each state is further represented by the chief executive officer of the sponsoring state banking associations. All board members serve without compensation and meetings are held annually.

MBA

Several universities now offer graduate academic credit to our graduates who want to pursue their MBA degree. This provides an excellent opportunity for those who wish to work toward a graduate degree to get a head start on the academic schedule. A list of participating universities and details about the various programs is on the school's website, www.gsblsu.org. The school is consulting with a KY university to add to the list. The school will provide free of charge your transcript to the university you select.