

Red Stick Times

The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The School's administration met for lunch last Friday with the 17 members of the Student Advisory Council. Your class officers met last Friday at lunch with the school's administration and discussed the first week of the session. The officer's comments were very favorable regarding faculty, facilities, and cafeteria services. Freshmen representatives indicated that it would be convenient to have a "packing list" of items to bring to the campus. Specifically, several are of the opinion that covers are needed for the vinyl mattresses.

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!

MARKETING COURSE

The long-time faculty member for the first year course in Strategic Bank Marketing, Dr. Rex Bennett, experienced a serious fall down two flights of stairs a few weeks ago and broke two vertebrae. He is making a recovery but was unable to teach this year. The course is being taught this session by Dr. Stephen Lacewell using Rex's materials. We greatly appreciate Stephen for filling in on very short notice.

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 7:45pm, 13 kegs of beer were drank and 1800 pounds of crawfish, 475 chicken parts, and 30 gallons 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.

INVERSE INSTRUCTION

Banksim instructor Mike Ayotte, received a standing ovation when he left the classroom after not teaching. Some people can brighten a room by simply leaving.

2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

FRESHMAN are encouraged their Student Advisory Council members to join the **GSBLSU Class of 2020** facebook page.

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.

- **Jonathan Barnes**, VP/Branch Manager, PriorityOne Bank, Magee, MS
- **Haley Clark**, VP/Senior Loan Officer, First National Bank, Brooksville, KY
- **Emily Creech**, Senior Credit Analyst, First Guaranty Bank, Hammond, LA
- **Nathaniel Hamblin**, Credit Analyst Bank of the Bluegrass & Trust, Lexington, KY
- **Jamie Harrington**, Senior Vice President, Pinnacle Financial Partners, Murfreesboro, TN
- **Mackenzie Parker**, Loan Officer, Bank of Anguilla, Anguilla, MS

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

- **Cody King**, Bank Examiner II, MS Dept. of Banking Finance, Jackson, MS
- **Negel Quintal**, Compliance Examiner IV, LA Office of Financial Institutions, New Orleans, LA
- **Corey Wright**, Bank Examiner, TN Dept. of Financial Institutions, Knoxville, 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 that begins at 8:30 pm 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 will provide free of charge your transcript to the university you select.

*Nothing is impossible, the word itself says
"I'm possible"!
Audrey Hepburn*

*Whether you think you can or you think you can't,
you're right.
Henry Ford*

*Life is 10% of what happens to me and
90% of how I react to it.
Charles Swindoll*