

Red Stick Times

The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017

VIP's

The School's Executive Committee will meet this Thursday afternoon. Presiding will be President Mark Holladay, Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, Synovus Financial Corporation, Columbus, GA. Other members of the committee attending are Robert Taylor, Chairman of the Board and Executive Vice President of the Louisiana Bankers Association, Jody Hudgins, President-elect and Senior EVP & Chief Credit Officer, First Florida Integrity Bank, Naples, FL; Watts Steger, Immediate Past President, Chairman of the Bank of Botetourt, Buchanan, VA 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, 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

THE enrollment at this Session is 551 bankers and regulators who hail from 20 states, and Mexico. With 96 students, the state of Louisiana leads all others, followed by Mississippi.

With 551 students, the Graduate School of Banking at LSU continues to be one of the largest schools of its kind in the nation.

2017 STUDENT BODY BY STATES AND NATIONS

	'17	'18	'19	Total
Alabama	10	10	15	35
Arkansas	7	5	5	17
Florida	6	9	11	26
Georgia	17	16	21	54
Iowa	1	1	0	2
Kansas	0	3	0	3
Kentucky	7	12	7	26
Louisiana	30	34	32	96
Minnesota	0	0	1	1
Mexico	16	16	31	63
Mississippi	30	21	27	78
Missouri	3	5	2	10
New Mexico	1	0	0	1
North Carolina	6	3	6	15
Ohio	1	0	0	1
Oklahoma	1	3	1	5
South Carolina	3	7	8	18
South Dakota	0	1	0	1
Tennessee	16	31	22	69
Texas	3	3	2	8
Virginia	4	8	7	19
West Virginia	2	0	1	3

TOTAL 164 188 199 551

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.

2018 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 2018 schedule are not definite, but mark May 20 – June 1, 2018 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 Jody Hudgins.

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 entertainment by Jamell Richardson, the Gulf Coast Blues Boy. 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.

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 2018 Session. We look forward to receiving your comments on the second week program, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation.

COOL BANKERS

It is indeed rare to see a banker coming out of the 459 Cafeteria without an ice cream cone in one hand, or perhaps both hands. The food service folks report that 25 gallons of the cold stuff is served daily and assuming 120 calories per cone and 32 cones per gallon, we are absorbing about 31,000 calories after we eat.

*Words to live by,
"Waste not, want not."
"Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without."*