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In the midst of 100 degree heat, it's difficult to believe that the "fall" semester is officially here . . . I hope you've had a great summer and are looking forward to the 2006-2007 academic year!

Thank You Lisa and Jere!

After three years of exemplary service as departmental chair, **Lisa Burke** officially returned to full-time faculty status with the conclusion of the summer semester. Thank you Lisa, for the outstanding vision and leadership that you've shown during this time! The department has truly benefited from your "touch" and the College itself is stronger as a result of your contributions!

As most of you know by now, **Jere Hatcher** will be retiring from teaching and running the internship program effective August 31st in order to return to his ministry full-time. Jere has been a positive influence within and outside of the College of Business for many years and will be sorely missed. Thank you Jere, for your unwavering support of the College of Business and the M&M department as well!

Welcome J. Kevin McCotter, Executive-in-Residence!

Kevin is the regional director of Regulatory & External affairs for BellSouth in Shreveport, and is a strong friend of education. Kevin serves on the Advisory Board for the Frost School of Business at Centenary College and, since 2000, has served as president of Campus Facilities, Inc., a non-profit corporation that is building the new \$55 million campus for Bossier Parish Community College. Kevin also serves on the boards of many other organizations and has received numerous awards. To read his bio in full, visit http://www.lsus.edu/ba/faculty/sfaculty_details.asp?ID=60

Volunteers Needed!

SOAR Registration

August 23rd, 1:30-2:30 pm, UC

Late Registration

August 24th, 3-6 pm, BE 100

Contact Jere or Wayne

Mark Your Calendar

Moodle Overview Sessions

August 29th, 10:00 am, TC 232

August 30th, 2:00 pm, TC 232

August 31st, 10:00 am, TC 232

CBA Fall Faculty Meeting

September 7th, 2 pm, BE 104

Departmental Meeting

September 12th, 2 pm, BE 391

FREE food and beverages

Board of Visitors Meeting

September 13th, 7:30 am, BE 100

C.V. Updates Due to Joanne!

September 22nd, 4:30 pm

Mid-term Grades Due For

100/200 Level Courses

October 5th - 11th

Spring Registration Begins

November 6th

Commencement

December 20th





Technology News and Notes

This Fall brings several new developments in the technology area at LSUS and within the college of business.

Technology Assistance

Having problems with your smart classroom equipment? Wayne Hogue will be available this fall to assist you with your technology needs.

Wireless Laptops

Laptops maybe be reserved on a first come, first served basis for use in day or night classes by contacting Charles Boyd, the Finance/Accounting administrative assistant. Charles will also deliver the laptop carts to your classroom during day classes. Please note that the laptops may only be checked out for usage within the College of Business and **should never leave** the premises. If you need a laptop for your personal use, ask Karen if one of the departmental laptops is available for checkout.

Secure Passwords Initiative

As part of the state's ongoing push for security, the LSU System is requiring every school to comply with secure standards. Very shortly, Computing Services will begin requiring users to change their passwords to:

- A) be at least 8 characters long
- B) contain characters from at least 3 of the 4 groups shown below
 - * English upper case characters (A-Z)
 - * English lower case characters (a-z)
 - * Base 10 digits (0-9)
 - * Non-alphanumeric characters (% , & , !)
- C) be changed at least every 31 days.

Ultimately, you'll have one password/ID to use for email, Compass, Unix, Moodle and to log into your computer, and a different set that you'll use for Blackboard (your Blackboard password / ID will not change).

Gearing Up For Moodle

Computing Services is moving forward with testing and deployment of Moodle to replace the Blackboard Learning Management System in January of 2007. Computing Services will be holding training sessions and distribute learning materials throughout the Fall semester. I used Moodle in both of my courses this summer, and would be happy to answer your questions, or help you set-up a course of your own.

New Student Email System Effective Fall 2006

The student's userid will be their student id (e.g. A12345678) and their password will be the same as their COMPASS PIN. Email address will be their last name, initial of their first name, last two digits of their student id, the @ sign, lsus.edu. The Moodle userid and password will be the same as their email userid and password; blackboard will not change. The old student email will remain available until 12/21/06.

Kudos, Kyle!

Well, it was trial by fire for Kyle Ristig this summer as he faced the unenviable task of teaching his first ever MADM 480 class to 47 students (and with an untried computer simulation to boot)! Despite the large class size and hectic summer pace, things went well and student response to the simulation was very positive. Kyle will be joining us full-time this fall as a visiting professor, teaching MADM 480 and 760. Thanks Kyle!

Internships

475 internships are available to students as electives within their major for each degree program except the General Business Administration degree. The GBA program may use a 475 course as an elective either on the lower left-side or the lower right side of the curriculum sheet. Please remember to mention this option when you advise late registering students for the fall semester. Contact Wayne Hogue for additional information.

Welcome Back, Larry!

While you won't be seeing him in the halls, Larry Pace will be teaching a seminar in Managerial Decision Making (MADM 490) online for LSUS this fall. Larry taught at LSUS for several years, and is currently a visiting lecturer at Clemson University. Want to get back in contact? Email him at lpace0530@charter.net

