

Laatsch Key Kid?

With each passing week it more apparent why Lance Nail selected Frank Laatsch as Interim Chair of FINREBL. He is an experienced faculty member, he is a Finance guy, he is a CFA, he is reportedly easy-going, but the key trait that appears vital for Nail is the fact the Laatsch is seldom in the CoB for a complete week. Laatsch keeps Nail on his toes to be gone more than ever because he has closed the gap on Nail this fall when Nail had to sometimes be in Hattiesburg for budgetary issues. Laatsch finds many meetings to attend, income producing opportunities to go to, and family to visit. The issue remains for him like many administrators before him: are you taking leave time each month for the personal time such as money-making and recreating with family and friends? If so, enjoy yourself. If Nail loves you, who is anyone else to disagree with your actions? If not, is it ignorance of the rules as a new administrator or something else? For the obvious reasons, the time-honored, administrator-protecting rules remain in place: all such information is “privileged and confidential”. In this gilded age of the “transparent” mythos, nothing now is more open, more discussed, or more trusted. That sad fact speaks loudly when nothing, or no one, else will.