Part-Time Job, Volunteer and Internship Fair set for Aug. 31

Students seeking volunteer opportunities, an internship, or a part-time job off or on campus should consider attending the Center for Career and Professional Development's first career fair of the fall semester.

The Part-Time Job, Volunteer and Internship Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, in the BPSC Grand Ballroom. It is free for students to attend.

"Opportunities for employment both on campus and off campus will be represented at the fair," Brent McLemore, CCPD director, said. "If students are looking for opportunities to help them gain career-related experience or just pay the bills, this a great place to do so right at the start of the semester. There will also be volunteer opportunities on campus and within the community they can learn about through this fair."

Students are encouraged to bring a résumé to the fair, though it is not required. The CCPD offers virtual and in-person options for résumé development and critiques via Handshake, its career management platform. Students can also view a list of all employers attending the fair through Handshake. Sign in to Handshake at https://sfasu.joinhandshake.com/.

The career center will offer four additional career fairs this fall: Accounting Job Fair on Sept. 14; Construction Management and Interior Design Job Fair on Sept. 22; Fall All Majors Career and Internship Fair on Oct. 12; and Teacher Job Fair on Nov. 4.

Students needing professional clothing to wear to a career fair are encouraged to utilize the CCPD Career Closet offering a wide range of business casual and business professional clothing appropriate for any interview or career fair. Students can borrow clothing for free, and the CCPD closet sponsor, VIP Cleaners, takes care of all the dry cleaning in between each use.

More information about all of CCPD's fall events can be found at https://www.sfasu.edu/ccpd/upcoming-events.

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CCPD hosts multiple career fairs throughout each academic year. The first event of the fall semester will be the Part-Time, Volunteer and Internship Fair planned for Aug. 31 in the Grand Ballroom of the Baker Pattillo Student Center.

Student Life Exective Director Smith to advise SGA

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Executive Director of Student Life Dr. Hollie Smith became the new adviser for Student Government Association on April 21. Her transition into the role is part of a reorganization of the University's Student Affairs division.

"I'm excited," Smith said. "I have advised Student Government Association two other times before, both times when I was interim dean of students, and I enjoyed it. I love working with students."

Smith has worked at SFA since 2005 and has previously served as interim dean of student affairs. She obtained her bachelor's and master's degree in psychology from SFA and her doctorate degree in higher education administration from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

"With my almost 20 years of experience here at SFA, I feel like I am very knowledgeable in our policies and procedures on campus," Smith said. "I've worked and advised several student organizations."

Smith also oversees the Center for Career and Professional Development, Student Publications, Student Engagement programs and Orientation and Transition programs. Smith said she will no longer be supervising Spirit Teams, which she has done for 11 years, but this will give her the opportunity to take on additional roles, like SGA adviser.

Dr. Brandon Frye, vice president of student affairs, said her transition into the role from current adviser Dr. Andrew Dies, assistant vice president of student affairs and dean of students, was a planned transition.

Dr. Hollie Smith

"Moving the advisement of SGA from the assistant vice president/dean of students' (AVP/DOS) portfolio to the executive director of student life portfolio is part of a larger reorganization of our division that I began when I arrived at SFA in February 2021," Frye stated in an email to The Pine Log. "The idea to move the advisement of SGA from the AVP/DOS role to the executive director of student life role was on my mind before I hired Dies as AVP/DOS in August 2021."

Frye said the executive director of student life role focuses on "student engagement, leadership, involvement, service, activities, career development and student transitions," and the advisement of SGA fits better in that portfolio.

Smith forwarded an email from Dies to Student Life departments letting them know of his transition out of the role.

"I will be working with [Smith] through the end of the semester and into the summer to make sure we do our part to set SGA up for success," Dies stated.

Smith said she has already had several meetings with Dies going over suggestions for SGA moving forward, statuses on ongoing projects, budget and organization.

One of her goals for SGA, Smith said, is to reexamine governing documents, like their code of conduct, with fresh eyes to make sure all SGA's accomplishments moving forward satisfy the organization's mission.

In response to the decrease in voter participation for SGA elections, Smith said this was an area they would be looking to address.

"I definitely see that as part of what we're going to talk about this summer – how to get awareness about student government out there and the purpose," Smith said. "There's a lot of room to grow in that area, and there's a lot of ideas that we're going to discuss this summer and fall in our planning retreats."

Smith has already met the newly elected SGA officials and begun to work with them.

"I think my love for SFA," Smith said, "and my passion for it to grow and be successful, and for our students to grow and be successful, will help me be a great Student Government Association adviser."

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model, which allows the professional staff to cater to specific student populations based on their college and major. The result is a career coach who can specialize in ways to best help students find success on the career paths particular to them.

Along the way, students can have their résumés and cover letters critiqued, practice interviewing, learn about CCPD resources for job and internship searching, participate in career-related workshops, and attend one of the many career fairs hosted each year. The CCPD also has connections to thousands of employers who are actively recruiting SFA students and posting jobs and internships to our online job board through Handshake, an online career management platform. Students can also schedule appointments with CCPD through Handshake by visiting http://sfasu.edu/handshake.

To learn more about CCPD services, resources and upcoming career fairs, visit https://www.sfasu.edu/ccpd or stop by the CCPD office on the third floor of the Baker Pattillo Student Center, Room 3.302, between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday.