



Sam Houston State University
Bearkat Marching Band
Passion, Family, Excellence

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As you may know, Dr. Shields, Dean of the College of Arts and Media, has resigned from his position effective July 1, 2024. Dr. Long-Anderson, one of our CAM associate deans, will serve as the Interim Dean, creating a vacancy in her previous role as Associate Dean.

University policy allows a faculty member to serve as an interim administrator in these situations, and I have accepted the opportunity to serve as an Interim Associate Dean for the next academic year. Although this is a difficult decision, Dr. Plugge, Dr. McInturf, Professor McBryde, and I believe serving in this role is the right thing for me to do in support of the School of Music and the College of Arts and Media during the search for a new dean.

I will continue to serve as the Symphonic Band director, but I must step away from my role as Director of the Bearkat Marching Band from July 1, 2024, through July 1, 2025. Professor McBryde, my colleague and friend, has graciously agreed to assume the role of BMB director during that time, and we all have complete confidence in her leadership. She and I have finalized most of the details for our 2024 season, which will facilitate a seamless transition. I am sure the BMB will rally around this opportunity to grow, thrive, and model “Passion, Family, Excellence” for the university even more vibrantly than before.

Sincerely,

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