

Board of Directors – Candidate Statement

Candidate Name: Daphne Wolfe

Organization: The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy



Why are you interested in serving on the SoACE Board of Directors?

Throughout the 5 years I have been in Career Services, SoACE has been my professional home. I am currently in my first year of serving as the Director of Career Engagement for the University of Texas at Austin's College of Pharmacy and I have grown immensely over my time at UT Austin. I spent 2 years with the Texas Career Engagement office at UT Austin, managing a team of career coaches supporting exploratory students. Through supporting my team, I learned that encouragement to utilize resources, collaborate, and cultivate relationships across campus supported my team member's individual growth and success and brought success to our department. I am excited about the opportunity to serve as the Director of Access & Community Development for SoACE, a role that aligns closely with my experience and passion for building strong, collaborative networks and strengthening our SoACE community.

What qualifications or experiences make you a strong fit for this board position?

As this role has been reenvisioned, I view this as an opportunity for our association to commit to ensuring our members find value in their membership year-round and not only whenever they attend annual conferences. I believe we can strengthen our connections and ensure collaboration through cultivating meaningful spaces, digitally and in-person, where professionals can connect, share insights, and grow together. My goal is to strengthen the SoACE community by supporting platforms that promote interaction and collaboration across all member institutions, without barriers to participation. If elected, I would look forward to bringing my strategic mindset, a collaborative spirit and commitment to improvement to enhance members' access to resources and to continue the effort to strengthen our vibrant community that supports professional growth, and innovation. Thank you, to the SoACE community for supporting my personal growth, and I hope to serve you as the Director of Access and Community Development.

SoACE Membership & Leadership Involvement

Involvement and/or leadership roles (SoACE and/or similar organizations):

I have been a member of SoACE since 2020 and I have been encouraged by many mentors and colleagues to present at annual conferences and continue my involvement year-round through other ways of serving the association. I first was involved with the professional development committee for the Career Coaching and Advising KG in 2020-2021. I later was selected to be a part of the third cohort of LEAD fellows and have remained a member of the LEAD Design Team helping organize and facilitate professional development sessions for the last 2 years. A core pillar of the SoACE LEAD program is to help members deepen their engagement in the association and encourage connections across schools, experience level, and functional areas. I believe that this sentiment could be expanded to the rest of the association, and I see many opportunities for this position to foster connections year-round.