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'Exciting' may not be the word usually associated with 'statistics,' but it is the word of choice for Elizabeth (Liza) Steinhardt Stewart, the newly hired director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness at USF St. Petersburg. Stewart, one of 72 new faculty and administrators slated to join the university in the coming months, will take the lead in gathering data necessary to help chart the college's course.

"Data and numbers excite me and I want others to be just as excited," said Stewart. "I look forward to helping this campus collect and analyze data that will enhance the decision making process. I welcome the challenge of starting up the office and bringing new ideas to the table."

Along with her enthusiasm, Stewart brings extensive experience to her new position. As the former director of Institutional Research and Grants at Pasco-Hernando Community College and coordinator of Statistical Research for the Florida Mental Health Institute at USF Tampa, she comes well equipped to spearhead the research process that will enable USF St. Petersburg better meet the social, intellectual and economic growth of the community.

"We are delighted that Liza has joined the administration team at USF St. Petersburg," said interim Associate Vice President Dr. Gary Olson. "She brings a great deal of experience to academic affairs and I am sure she will help us grow as an institution in the days ahead."

Stewart was graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's in psychology and went on to earn two master's in psychology and instructional technology at the University of Houston—Clear Lake. She is currently pursuing her doctorate at USF in adult education with a minor in measurement and evaluation.

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