

Candidate statement for UF Senate Chair: Marc W. Heft

As UF fully embraces shared governance, we need to work together – across our varied disciplines – and across different faculty and administrative roles. To that end, I believe I am prepared for this challenge -- it is what I have done for years.

While I am housed in the College of Dentistry, my perspective is grounded in a broader understanding –B.S. in electrical engineering (U Pennsylvania), D.M.D. (U Pennsylvania), and M.A. & Ph.D. in psychology (American University). Reflecting my multidisciplinary view, I also hold appointments in PHHP and COM. Much of my research in aging and pain has taken a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach involving colleagues from eight UF colleges. I have found the opportunities for collaborations with colleagues from diverse disciplines and perspectives on areas of common interest productive and enjoyable. I have also found that this “team approach” provides a sense of community within a rather large campus.

I began my more recent Senate terms with an anticipation of an era of shared governance. I also chaired the Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards Committee (member 2005-08, chair 2006-07) and, as AFTPRS chair, member, Welfare Council. I currently chair the Budget Council (member 2010-13, chair 2011-12), serve on the Senate Steering Committee and represent the faculty on the UF Budget Council. With greater involvement in the UF community has come greater understanding and appreciation for the diverse faculty and contributions that comprise UF. I look forward to the opportunity to provide Senate leadership during this era of transition.