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I work as a professor, UFRF research professor, and qualitative research methodologist at the College of Education. In the past I have served as a member and co-chair of university curriculum committee, a member of senate Council of research and scholarship, and Council on Academic Policy, Curriculum and Structure. I am also a co-founder of university-wide qualitative research community (QUARC). Additionally, I have been a member of COE faculty policy council, research advisory and budgetary affairs committees among others.

For me, inspiring leadership and successful shared governance calls for commitment to collaboration, frequent communication, and transparency in decision making. Collaborations across colleges, units, and administrative offices can promote information sharing and learning but also fair and more equitable exchange of ideas and shared opportunities. Frequent communication might contain multidirectional interchanges and it builds on hospitality, openness, and willingness to always welcome others. Transparency, in turn, involves detailed and open documentation and sharing of processes, procedures, and policies.

My goals as a senate chair would include:

- To activate and inspire UF faculty members to take more active role in governance
- To promote productive collaborations across units
- To engage in frequent communication and transparent reporting with senate committees, administrators, and faculty members
- To create more opportunities for junior faculty to become involved in the senate and its committees and councils

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the senate and UF faculty.