

Statement for Chair Elect of the Faculty Senate

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Goals

The best universities give the most authority to the faculty. Administrators at these institutions see themselves as part of the faculty and accountable to them. The University of Florida was pointed in this direction at the urging of President Young who proposed an intensified effort toward shared governance. I would like to see the partnership between the administration and faculty to move further down this path.

Qualifications

My position is Professor in Mathematics. My research has been reported in refereed publications and invited addresses at international conferences. My work modeling the spread of citrus greening is currently funded by two grants on which I serve as PI and Co-PI, respectively. I served as Chair of Mathematics 2008-2013.

I have regularly served as a Senator. I Chaired the CLAS Task Force on Shared Governance (2006-7). This committee was formed by the Faculty Senate and was responsible for drawing up the current CLAS Constitution to conform to the principles of shared governance that had been adopted by the Senate and Board of Trustees at that time. The constitution passed legal scrutiny and was approved by a 90% majority of CLAS faculty. I served as CLAS Parliamentarian 2005-2011 and served as Chair of the CLAS Assembly 2010-2013.

It would be an honor and privilege to serve the Faculty and the University as Chair of the Faculty Senate.