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I am a Professor in the Materials Science and Engineering Department. I have been at UF 20 years, and I have served as Senator for several terms and in numerous committees: most recently the University Steering Committee.

We are in complex times where a multitude of areas that were the status quo when we were hired, whether last century, last decade or last semester, have changed, are changing, or are being challenged.

As Faculty, we are an essential component of UF. As Faculty, we hold a unique position where in the completion of our duties we routinely have meaningful and important interactions with students, staff, and administration.

Per UF's Constitution, the Faculty Senate is the "legislative body of the University thereby providing a forum for mutual exchange of ideas between senior officers and faculty."

My guiding principles as Faculty Senate leader will be to: listen to the diverse nature of interests, positions, and concerns of the faculty; find common ground and champion a unifying position that represents the most; and serve as a transparent bridge of information between Administration and Faculty.

My goals are to: strengthen Academic Freedom as defined in Article III Section 2 of UF's constitution and promote productive dialogue in an environment that allows individuals to disagree, even strongly, while decisions are being made, but to commit to the decision once it has been made.

There is only one UF and we are all part of it. Let's make UF the best it can be.

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