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This is an exciting and critical time to participate in shared governance (SG) at UF. The University is going through many changes that will be pivotal in shaping the future of our university.

I have been active in service for the last 15 years and am convinced that faculty participation in the mechanisms of shared governance is crucial to the inclusion of the wide range of perspectives needed for this institution to succeed in its mission. Working with last year's Senate ad hoc committee on the state of SG further reinforced that conviction. This year, I am chairing the Committee-on-Committees and I am a member of two Senate Councils.

In my 23+ years career at UF, I have taken on most faculty roles: graduate and undergraduate teaching, managing research grants, writing proposals and publications, professional activities, and serving on the administration side. From there my interest in working with the Senate action team looking into faculty administrative burdens. My experience in this space can bring working knowledge to the effort to reduce the burden, freeing faculty to do the work they were hired to do. My goals as Chair-Elect will be to continue supporting this and the current efforts regarding UF's Core Curriculum representing the interests of the faculty the best I can.

Last, but not least, I am familiar with the Jacksonville plans influenced by state and federal investments related to the CHIPS-and-Science-Act and can help bring the important faculty body perspective to the development of new academic programs.