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I joined UF in 1992 as a faculty member in the Rinker School of CM. I believe in service leadership and have worked and served the university community in various roles, gaining experience in most aspects of university life. My academic background is in civil engineering, law and computer science.

My UF experiences have included serving as Associate Dean, as School Director, as Graduate Coordinator, on the UF Graduate Council, on T&P and Mentoring committees and as chair of over 450 graduate committees.

My Senate service has included Senator (x3), prior service on the Budget Committee, and current service on the Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards committee, Infrastructure Council, and Welfare Council. Currently, I chair the Senate IT and AFTPRS committees.

In 2021, I chaired the UF Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom (AF) that gathered information and reported back on UF practices that restricted the ability of UF faculty to engage in outside activities normally accepted as appropriate scholarly activities.

I believe that my multifaceted background and experience in navigating academia will serve you well in achieving our common goals of strengthening faculty governance, protecting academic freedom and limiting administrative burdens on the faculty. Academia, as we used to know it, is undergoing a disruptive transformation.

Only by being united and working together as faculty, staff, students and administrators, can we hope to influence these changes to meet our goals and aspirations. As faculty senate chair, I pledge to work tirelessly for you in meeting your goals and aspirations.