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As a long-time head of the Department of Communication in CHASS, I became very familiar with university policies and procedures pertaining to faculty and learned to work closely with the CHASS Dean and the Provost and Chancellor on faculty welfare issues. While I have recently returned to the faculty to pursue my teaching and research in political communication, I remain acutely aware of the many challenges facing our faculty around the university. One major challenge concerns low faculty pay relative to colleagues in other universities. Another major challenge is enhancing faculty diversity. As a faculty senator, I hope also to work with the university administration to find ways of supporting faculty research and teaching. The support of classroom instruction is especially critical now that we find ourselves in the midst of the COVID 19 crisis. In sum, I believe my 13-year term as a department head has provided me with the necessary experience and skills to continue advocating for the interests of NC State faculty. I look forward to sharing that experience and skill with my Faculty Senate colleagues.