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Candidate for the Chair of Organization & Government

I am very interested in continuing to serve as Chair for the Organization & Government (O&G) Policy Committee this coming academic year. This past year O&G successfully completed two remarkably large projects. The first began with a review of every Senate Management Resolution followed by work to bring updates to the Senate where needed. Subsequently O&G, over the course of three semesters, reviewed all University policies. Referrals were made to policy committees and the Senate Chair where review/updates were needed and O&G brought to the Senate any items in its purview. The second large project was the review of the charge and membership of all university policy committees, operating committees, special agencies, and other committees. Following a collegial and interactive process, O&G brought to the Senate (and the Senate passed) a policy recommendation and Senate Management resolution to update the charge and/or membership of several committees.

As Chair, through all of O&G's work and my service on the Senate's Executive Committee, I've been a firm advocate of shared governance, taken responsibilities seriously, and can be relied upon to continue to listen respectfully to all views, search for creative solutions to challenges, and build bridges to strengthen the Senate's effectiveness.

I understand the importance of providing the Senate with the information needed to facilitate good decision making and will work closely with O&G and the Senate Executive Committee to bring our work to fruition in a productive and timely manner. I look forward to continued service on the Senate and, if elected, to chairing the Organization and Government Committee.