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Candi Churchill, Incoming Executive Director
Marshall Ogletree, Outgoing Executive Director

New UFF Executive Director Named

Candi Churchill steps into her new role with the union on Dec. 28

TALLAHASSEE — With the retirement of current Executive Director Marshall Ogletree at the end of December, the United Faculty of Florida (UFF) proudly announces that Candi Churchill will assume the executive director position on Dec. 28. Ms. Churchill has served as UFF field staff since 2002 and has significant experience in all aspects of higher education union work, from labor relations to collective and political action. Negotiating collective bargaining agreements, building new chapters and fighting for UFF members during those years, Ms. Churchill also has been at the forefront in revitalizing the union, with UFF membership more than doubling to over 8,700 during her tenure.

“I am honored to be selected for the UFF executive director position. Higher education is a pillar of our democracy and, in Florida, there are no better advocates for our students and communities than the faculty, staff and graduate employees who make our universities and colleges so successful,” said Ms. Churchill. “UFF is going through a pivotal transition from a union that reacts and mobilizes to one that flexes its muscles and pushes our own agenda. I am looking forward to supporting our members as they stand up for health and safety, academic excellence, and fair working conditions for all.”

UFF President Karen Morian said, “Candi has been a major part of the growth of UFF and has been committed to ensuring that UFF members at our 32 chapters are well represented as we work to educate college and university students throughout the state and at our four university K-12 laboratory schools. Her leadership as an advocate for higher education and her passion in defense of our members will be great assets to our union as we face challenging times.”

UFF represents more than 20,000 faculty at all 12 public universities, 15 colleges and Saint Leo University, along with graduate assistants at four universities. UFF employs an executive director, five service unit directors, and two administrative assistants.

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