Student Body,

My name is Nicole Woodcock and I am seeking your vote for the position of Vice President of the Student Government Association. I am fortunate to be running along side of Christopher Petrillo, who is seeking the Presidential position. I am a junior studying Biology and Chemistry here at the University of Vermont and I have been apart of the Student Government Association for a year, during which I have served as a senator on the Academic Affairs Committee. In my time as senator, some issues have become very important to me, and it is my goal to tackle these in my remaining time at UVM, with the hopes as your Vice President.

The job of the Vice President is to tend to all aspects of the SGA so that it can function as seamlessly as possible and create an environment of productivity and growth. I am confident in my abilities to manage and work with my peers to accomplish this. Beyond these responsibilities, I have a few goals that I feel are imperative we accomplish in the upcoming year.

First is the careful reconstruction of the academic calendar so final exams are a time where students are able to produce their best work as their semesters come to a close. In the past year, reading days have been removed and as a result final exams are even more stressful and detrimental to our mental health, which shifts away from the focus that should be spent on doing our best work on final assessments. I am determined to be apart of creating a calendar that is best for students for years to come.

In the past two years, and the past year of my involvement in SGA, there has been a strong connection between the administration at UVM and the Student Government Association, and because of this much has been accomplished. I do not want to stop here. I believe an area where we can improve upon is opening up that connection and our resources to the students who we represent. Many clubs and people are unaware of what Student Government offers students.

All students should have the resources to reach out to a member or committee of the Student Government Association, whether they are speaking for themselves, an unrecognized club, or SGA recognized club. My long term goal is to implement such a system using all aspects of our committees’ resources, so that SGA can continue to be productive but also have even more of a voice from the student body and a more open dialogue on a weekly basis regarding. There have been many first steps in the past year, but I would like to take a more integrated approach and come up with a clear concise “network”.

As these are just a few of my goals for the upcoming year, please feel free to email me at nwoodcoc@uvm.edu if you have any questions at all, as I am more than eager to answer them, or hear thoughts about areas you would like to see improvement on as well.

All the best,

Nicole Woodcock