

Hi UVM! My name is Carter Purple, and I am currently a junior here at UVM. I also presently serve as the Vice President of SGA, a year-long role that has been so fulfilling and rewarding to me.

I have one semester left here at UVM, and I want to spend it serving the student body one more time.

I joined SGA the first few weeks of my freshman year, and I've been on it ever since. Getting involved on the UVM campus in this capacity was the best choice I made. The advocacy and work I've been able to help with has been energizing. Getting to know the campus inside and out, the students, the staff, the faculty, the administration, and the community has been incredible.

I spent my sophomore year as the Speaker of the Senate. Between that role and Vice President, I've been a part of some really meaningful action here at UVM. Some examples are:

- Going to the State House to advocate for democratizing the Board of Trustees
- Serving on many job searches for important administrative positions
- Re-implementing the scribe position to publish the SGA minutes for the student body to see
- Beginning the Student Leadership Board for more transparency with student leadership groups

- Advocacy on important topics such as the university's response to campus conflicts and housing issues such as the tiered housing plan
- Planning leadership development events for SGA, such as the semesterly retreats

And so much more.

In my final semester, I'm hoping to turn my attention back to some of the finer details. There are passions and projects of mine I have been unable to pursue in my other roles due to other responsibilities. One of the most important issues to me is this new tiered housing plan. I am hoping to help spearhead a response to the administration to the shortcomings of this plan and their failure, in my opinion, to adequately source student feedback.

Other things I am passionate about for the upcoming year include the status of the Burlington-UVM MOU regarding building new housing and helping the new senators maximize their potential as student leaders based on my previous experiences.

I hope you will all consider voting for me! Please feel free to reach out to me with an yquestions, comments or concerns. My email is cpurple@uvm.edu and my phone number is 978-846-0759, I'm more than happy to chat about anything!

This week, vote for me in the SGA Elections!

Thank you for your time and have a great rest of your semester!

Sincerely, Carter Purple