

Hi, my name is Charles, and I am running to be an SGA senator. Put simply, I think there are two problems facing the SGA. I.) There is a lack of transparency about what goes on in the SGA. If elected, I promise to be as clear as I possibly can be about what the SGA process looks like, what we are doing with your money and your resources, and anything else pertinent that you want to know. How SGA works should not be a mystery for students, as the only reason that the body exists is to serve the students. II.) Some candidates only run to add "SGA student senator" to their resumes. I am running to be a Senator because I deeply care about issues facing the student body. I promise you that if I didn't care about these issues and about helping students, I would not be submitting this statement, and spending every Tuesday night sitting in the Davis center debating. That would be a waste of my time and your vote. But I think there are real issues that are facing real students that need real solutions. There is a housing crisis in Burlington and UVM, there are budget cuts and potentially dangerous university policies being enacted by the Trump Administration, there is general discord among the student population. These are issues that I would like to tackle head on, and ones that I promise will be addressed if you elect me to be your SGA student senator. This may not be the most colorful or flashy campaign platform that you are going to read, and that is by design. I don't want to sell you platitudes and I don't want to mislead you. I want to state clearly and precisely what I aim to do as your Senator; I want to increase SGA's transparency, and take real action on real problems facing real students. Therefore, with those goals in mind, I humbly ask you for your vote to be an SGA senator.