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President



About Me

Hey Catamounts! I'm a first-year student currently studying Mathematics and Political Science, and plan to go to law school after my bachelors. I'm from Poultney, a rural town in Rutland County, Vermont. I love playing the piano, bike riding on trails, and reading--especially science fiction.

Leadership Experience

I've held various positions in the SGA that prepare me for a the SGA Presidency:

- **Senator:** As a senator, I had the opportunity to engage in debate on the floor of the senate and also was able to interact with members of the UVM student body and administration. My speaking skills from debate during senate will prepare me for engaging with UVM administration while trying to persuade them to adopt the SGA's recommendations. I also have a keen understanding of the UVM administration's positions, so I will know who to

engage with to enact meaningful change on campus.

- **Committee member for Community Coalition:** As a member of Community Coalition, I have made connections with the Burlington community and groups that engage with the community. This will aid me when reaching out to the members of the Burlington community.
- **Committee member for Learning Management Systems:** As a member of the committee for Learning Management Systems, I have worked with the UVM administration to consider whether Blackboard is the best learning system for UVM students. I will continue to work with the committee as president, and the connections I've made through participating in the committee will help me in fulfilling my duties as president.

Issues

Committee on the Environment (COE)

- ***Climate Action Plan:*** My **first priority** as president will be to work with the UVM administration to adopt a Climate Action Plan to lower emissions from the campus. We are not applying enough pressure on the UVM administration to achieve this goal, and as president I will work with the Committee on the Environment to conduct case work and present a strong argument to the Administration that shows the importance of UVM adopting a Climate Action Plan.

Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (CODIE)

- ***Social activism:*** Social activism is critical for creating long term social change. The SGA can advocate for social activist groups and ensure everyone's voice is being heard. As President, I will work with the PR

committee and the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to reach out to social activist groups and support them in whatever way is possible.

- **Racial justice:** The SGA must be doing everything within its power to support racial justice groups. The SGA should have frequent, transparent conversations with groups that are striving for racial justice to ensure that we are assisting them in every way possible. As president, I will have meetings with racial justice groups on campus, and work with the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to support them.

Committee on Student Action and Wellbeing (CSAW)

- **Student mental health:** As it stands, the tools in place for students who are suffering mentally are insufficient to support students on campus. As president, I will work with the Committee on Student Action and Wellbeing to increase funding to CAPS and create similar programs for students.
- **Advertising resources for wellbeing:** While there are many resources for students to use in regard to physical, mental, and emotional health, not everyone feels comfortable directly seeking out these resources--and some students may not even know they exist. The SGA should take initiative for student wellbeing and create posters and flyers that present these resources so students know that help is available if they need it.

Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs (COLCA)

- **Community Coalition:** The Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs meets with the Burlington Community during Community Coalition, but these meetings could be much more productive. As president, I will attend these meetings whenever

possible, and I will follow up with the Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs to ensure that issues such as tenant rights and community relations are being attended to.

Public Relations Committee (PR)

- ***Improved Student Outreach:*** As it stands, the SGA could be doing much better at reaching out to students and ensuring that the student body is aware of the actions that SGA is taking. To that end, I will work with the Public Relations Committee to retool our current way of reaching out to students to give the student body better access to SGA business.

Contact Me

I'd love to hear your questions, ideas, and input. Please reach out to me!

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