



Hello! My name is Robert Connelly Buhrmeister (he/him), and I am running for a position on the SGA Senate. I am running mainly because I sit by sadly as I see the potential for UVM going down the drain. While we are very privileged to be living and learning where we are, there is no need to be complacent in our actions, especially as I live my days here listening to students that refuse to be complacent with their beliefs. I hope to streamline communication between students and the SGA so more policies are enacted that reflect what the student body truly believes in, instead of what the Board of Trustees and other organizations set forward under the belief they are doing what is best for us.

I possess many characteristics that would make me an ideal SGA Senator, my most honed and important one being my social skills. I have performed and been rewarded as a singer, actor, and dancer for more than half my life so making connections, and public speaking have never been an issue for me. I am also a happy participant and love to learn as well. I am the Social Media Manager for the Hitpaws, one of the gender-inclusive a cappella groups on campus so I am always easy to reach.

Some issues I specifically want to address are the budget cuts we are seeing in CAS, the late-night access-issues many students are facing for food, and how our university can move forward focusing on our overall sustainability, including but not limited to: land-use issues, environmental racism, and LGBTQIA+ inclusivity. The biggest issue I would like to fix is the

involvement of students in SGA. This institution is set up to represent the student body, however, how are we supposed to do that if we are so difficult to get into contact with? Improving transparency and communication between the SGA and the students should be priority number one.