

My name is Aidan Fleming, I am a current sophomore studying Environmental Science and Political Science, and I am running for Student Government Association Senate. As someone who has held government positions and served on committees in his hometown, both volunteer and elected, I feel as though I have what it takes to bring our issues to light so that we can have the campus and community that we always dreamed of.

I am prioritizing students' mental health above all else, therefore I want to expand the resources offered by the CAPS program so that they can successfully meet everyone's needs as well as develop student run community programs to combat feelings of isolation and anxiety brought on by Covid-19. I demand that the university does not cut College of Arts and Sciences departments like Geology, Classics, or Religion in order to maintain UVM's promise of being a liberal arts university. I want to rework the Climate Action Plan so that UVM can successfully become Carbon neutral in the near future. Finally, UVM has to cut ties with the BPD as well as defund and retrain the campus police so that we can feel safer on campus. But most of all, I strive to be a true voice for the students. I am going to maintain an open ear and mind to what is affecting the student body and to be there, unbiased, for everyone. Together we can make a better UVM.