

Hello all! My name is Jake Gess and I'm a current junior studying Environmental Science and Spanish.

I have served on the student government association for about three years now, and am looking forward to a fourth if I get reelected. In my time thus far, I have worked on the Dining Advisory Council to expand sustainable food options in our dining facilities, banned the giveaway of unsustainable products by third party vendors on campus, worked closely with the College of Agriculture's administration to hire a new Dean, assessed composting needs for on and off campus students - and am currently working on a pilot program to have UVM subsidize off-campus composting services - and fought for fair tuition and housing reimbursements when we were all sent home due to COVID at the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. In this upcoming year, I hope to continue my work on increasing composting accessibility to our students, pressure UVM administration to address our climate impact (whether that be sticking to the Climate Action Plan deadlines we already set, or potentially creating new ones), and more diligently engage the student body about how SGA can address their primary sustainability concerns.



Thank you for taking the time to read my platform, and happy voting!