Hello, my name is Justin Lista and I am re-running to be one of your SGA Senators. This past semester I have been on the PR or Public Relations Committee, but I feel my time was not enough to accomplish want I want to get done, as I was only on SGA for a couple months. If I am re-elected I promise to work towards by goals and hear what the student body wants in order to accomplish something worthwhile while on SGA. At UVM I am a first year studying both Business Administration and Political Science. I am running for SGA again because I want to bring positive change to our university, and I feel there is a lot to do in order to accomplish this. My platform runs on three concepts: transparency/outreach, equal representation, and enjoyment.

Transparency/Outreach – I want the students at the University of Vermont to know what is happening within their student government, but also for SGA to be there for the students. I have worked on this a little as I ran the SGA Twitter this past semester, but I feel that much more needs to be done, especially on outreach with students and clubs at UVM. I want to make sure all students at the University of Vermont see the work that is done by the SGA. SGA does a lot to help out the student body and I want UVM as a whole to see what they do. On top of this I want to make sure students feel comfortable coming to SGA if they do have any problems or need anything. SGA is an organization made to make students' lives better at UVM. If students need anything, they should know that SGA should and will

hear their concerns and will actively do something about it. I want to make this a priority in my time in SGA.

Equal Representation – I want to make sure the University of Vermont is open and <u>welcoming to all students</u> regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, and EVEN political beliefs as UVM is currently very liberal. We are a public university and should be open to hearing all ideas and perspectives as we are all different. I want to be able for the SGA to hear student's complaints and do something about it, no matter how small. We should all feel comfortable to do whatever we want at our university and feel safe and secure here, but that is not necessarily the case. I want to work with different groups on campus and see what they feel needs to be done to change the culture of UVM as a whole to make sure everyone can feel comfortable at this university for their entire time here.

Enjoyment – At the end of the day, I want everyone here at the University of Vermont to enjoy their time here at UVM. In order to do this, I want to push for the <u>increase mental health services</u> for those struggling as UVM does not currently offer enough. Counseling is slim and there is no easy access to resources on the UVM website. I also want to make sure more students are able to find a club or activity on campus that they enjoy. Currently about 83% of the student body is involved in something, this is good but not enough. I want to make sure all students know about the opportunities and events out there for them as the smaller clubs do not have as much outreach as the bigger ones. Even if students do not find something, they like I want them to feel comfortable creating a new club.

I hope you all consider re-electing me to represent you as one of your SGA senators.