To the students of UVM:

My name is Randy Wanamaker and I am running for SGA Senate! I come from the town of Billerica, MA where I currently live in a little apartment with my parents, my brother, and our two dogs. I am 22 years old and studying Parks, Recreation and Tourism while minoring in PoliSci. In my hometown, I have been engaged in local politics since 2018. At UVM, I spent these past two semesters with the UVM for Bernie group, organizing with some of my fellow classmates and meeting so many amazing student activists.

As one of your Senator’s, here is some of what I wish to accomplish with you. Please note that these ideas cannot be brought to fruition by one person. It is going to take all of us. Together.

- **Form a Student Union**: Reform SGA into a Union, giving every single student collective bargaining rights and the comfort of knowing that their student government is truly theirs. To get there, we will expand direct student democracy by providing student forums and more.

- **Divest from Fossil Fuels**: Force school administrators to listen to Organize and other activists/activist groups and totally divest from the fossil fuel industry once and for all.

- **Reform Title IX**: Put past, present, and future survivors first. Too often, our Title IX program has traumatized and re-traumatized survivors. Let’s ensure that all survivors, past, present, and future, have a system to rely on for empathy and justice, not for oppression and shame.

- **Simple, universal access to mental health care**: Expand and build on our CAPS program to make sure all students have quick and easy access to our mental health professionals on campus, and ensure that our students, who already pay tens of thousands to the school every year, don’t have to pay to talk.

- **Cut down on unjust and unnecessary student expenses**: As a low-income and financially independent student, I know what it’s like to worry about money every single day. Students should not be required to pay to print paper in the library. Let’s take unnecessary expenses like this one off students’ shoulders.

- **Give a voice to students and fight for justice in all of its forms**: I believe every good leader is an even better listener. As senator, I will make sure that every single voice, from all corners of UVM, is heard and empowered. We are going to fight for racial justice, LGBTQIA+ justice, justice for our disabled classmates, justice for our planet, social justice, economic justice, and academic justice.

I hope to have your vote on April 8th and 9th! In the meantime, stay healthy UVM. When we are back on campus, we are going to need all hands on deck in this movement for compassion, democracy, and justice on campus. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

- Randy Wanamaker