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A vote for me is a vote for increased spending on mental health resources by the University, an accessible academic calendar, more choice in summer classes, transparency in university governance, divestment from fossil fuel investments, better privacy in regards to CourseSpaces, and the end of lab scalping. I am not afraid to stand up for what I believe in. If elected, I will do my best to make myself available to those who have ideas, comments, or concerns.

My name is Samuel Holland, and I am running for the University Senate. I am a History and Environmental Studies student. I am experienced in student government from my active involvement in my high school Student Council, and am involved in several student clubs and in the school community. My profs all know me by name (I hope thats a good thing).

What is the University Senate?
The Senate of the University of Victoria is the elected body probably most relevant to students’ everyday lives. The Senate has the power to control admissions and graduation requirements, exam rules, scholarships, what courses are offered, the grading system, exchange programs, and relationships with other schools. They also can make recommendations on budgetary matters.

Platform Clarification:

Lab scalping is a practice where scalpers register in labs without waitlists without registering for the class. This keeps students who are in the class from registering for mandatory labs. Scalpers then sell lab spots. I will vote for adding waitlists to labs, making lab registration dependant on course registration, and making scalping a punishable offence.

CourseSpaces privacy is currently compromised. It is possible to harvest the email from every student in every class you are in or is archived. I will advocate for better privacy to protect students from stalking, spambots, and viruses.