Samuel Holland

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, a functional Library website, 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 that’s a good thing). Some of you might recognize me as the creator of the UVic Discord Server Repository.

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, and they govern the library.

Lab Scalping

Lab scalping is a practice where scalpers register in labs without waitlists (or with small waitlists) without registering for the class. This keeps students who are in the class from registering for their mandatory labs. Scalpers then drop the lab at a planned time in exchange for cash. I will advocate for adding longer waitlists to all labs, making lab registration dependent on course registration and making scalping a punishable offence.