Hi! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Madeleine Raber, I am a rising senior and I am running for Senior Senator.

After growing up in London, England, coming to rural Vermont was definitely a bit of a shock, as I am sure it was for many of you, but I have truly learnt to love it here. During my time at Middlebury I have joined a wide range of activities and clubs, all of which have given me a perspective on different aspects of non-academic life. My freshman fall I joined the crew team as a novice (I only lasted one semester, but still!), my sophomore year I became the President of the Student Scandinavian Organization, and this year I have become a member with Stop Traffick on campus. I have really enjoyed getting involved with these organizations and working with so many inspiring students.

I am always so impressed by how motivated and successful Midd students are and I hope to channel that energy into making the SGA as effective and relevant as possible. We should all want to have our opinions heard on what we think Middlebury can improve upon, and I want to make that channel of communication as clear and easy as possible. Although I have not been a member of the SGA here, I do have experience in student government as I was elected my class representative in high school. I hope use this to provide a fresh perspective on the SGA and provide a much-needed new point of view.

Please consider voting for me in next week’s election, I promise to make all of your issues, concerns and ideas heard loud and clear!
My primary goal in running for Senior Senator is to increase accessibility to resources that are already available to the Student body but are underutilized. In my time at Middlebury, I have served on the First Year Committee, as a Cook Commons Tri-Chair, on both the Inter-Commons and Inter-House Councils, and most recently, as your Junior Senator. From my experience in these positions, I have come to realize that many of the complaints about social life, the “Middlebury bubble”, and academic or counseling needs can be addressed directly with resources that the school offers. The SGA has worked increasingly hard this year to advertise its credibility; I believe that we should be working to advertise the opportunities available to students that go unnoticed. I hope to increase awareness of the various transportation resources, including the Middlebury College shuttle buses, the seminars provided by CCI Connect, and make the party registration process more transparent to those that are not in organizations. Furthermore, I would like to continue working on projects I have started this year, such as a MiddRides app and a plan to extend sexual health services provided by Parton’s Health Center in conjunction with Planned Parenthood. Some of my other goals include getting rough syllabi available to students prior to class registration and making more late-night food options available to students. With a year of SGA experience under my belt, I feel ready more than ever to represent the rising senior class.
I, Angie Segura, hereby declare my candidacy for the position of Senior Senator in hopes of representing Middlebury’s class of 2016 in SGA.

Since freshman year, I have been a passionate advocate for our student body. Through the Midd Included initiative, we have started to change the Middlebury community in truly remarkable ways. Many of you expressed discontent over the lack of inclusive spaces on campus, and as a leader of the student cultural organization Alianza, I took the necessary steps towards addressing this issue. Since then, we have made significant progress with the petition to change the AAL distribution requirement and continuing to making our voices heard, which ultimately lead to the approval of the Intercultural Center last semester.

If elected, you can expect passionate, self-driven advocacy on behalf of all seniors. I care about your interests and your voice. I care about making sure we all have a memorable senior year, so I am eager to work with the rising senior class to make all of this happen.
My first real encounter with the SGA happened by chance when I served as a proxy senator for a friend last year. This gave me the chance to look in on something I was otherwise apathetic towards and has prompted me to run for Senior Senator. Besides from election season, the SGA doesn’t feel very present on campus. While it is great that we don’t have SGA chalk ads year-round, this also means that the issues and opinions put forth come from the views of a small self-selecting group of people. I am running for senior senator to represent students who would otherwise not be involved.

As senior senator, I would try and repeal a bill that passed while I was serving as a proxy: one that limited and discouraged the use of proxies by senators. I would never have been interested in the SGA had I not been a proxy. Incorporating other students who couldn’t make a full year commitment because of sports, a campus job, or apathy would let otherwise neglected voices be heard in the forum that make changes.

Above I have outlined an incredibly meager agenda of one item, but that is because the position requires a responsive approach more so than promises. So I urge you to vote James Ronan for senior senator.

Thanks,

James Ronan