

We are writing as the **SGA Sexual and Relationship Respect Committee** to endorse SGA Senate's thirteen proposals for community healing. As part of Cabinet, we have little decision-making power, and operate mostly separate from the Senate. However, we do a lot of important work around sexual and relationship respect, such as getting pads, tampons, and condoms into every first year dorm; creating transparency around Title IX changes; supporting the development of a support group for survivors of sexual violence; bringing sex educators to campus; and, most recently, creating the semester long Complicity Project, focused on interrogating our campus-wide and individual complicity in a culture of sexual violence. We have many visions for needed improvements to promote sexual and relationship respect at Middlebury, and we are glad to see steps in that direction within the thirteen proposals.

The following proposals will directly contribute to improved sexual and relationship respect on this campus. Proposal 2, about representatives on the Board of Overseers, will bring current understandings of sexual and relationship respect (and lack thereof) on this campus into the most powerful decision making body. Earlier this semester, this committee's co-director presented SRR's work (in particular work around sexual assault and violence) to members of the Board of Trustees, and was met with the question "is sexual assault a big issue here?" and no further interest or follow up on the topic. The Board of Trustees is clearly out of touch with what is happening on this campus with regards to sexual and relationship respect, and having representatives who live and work at this college is necessary. **Proposal 5**, on recurrent bias training, includes the very important need to respect preferred names and gender pronouns. These trainings will hopefully also lead to fewer instances of discrimination in regards to gender and sexuality (along with other forms of discrimination). **Proposal 7**, on Green Dot, would lead to students feeling safer upon arrival at this school; we have heard time and time again from students who felt unsafe as a result of the school's failure to address sexual violence during orientation. **Proposal 10**, creating an LGBTQ+ Center, is essential for supporting queer students on this campus, and additionally would be a great location from which to further develop programming to promote sexual and relationship respect. **Proposal 12**, on counseling and health services, is also fundamental for supporting students with non-hegemonic sexualities and genders. **All of the proposals will lead to a better, more inclusive community, and we are in full support of the SGA Senate in their promotion of these demands.**