We the students of the University of the Virgin Islands, in order to recognize ourselves on a fully democratic basis and to promote the general welfare of the student body, do hereby establish the Student Government Association of the University of the Virgin Islands, referred to as SGA.

The branches of the government shall be the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch.

**EXECTIVE BRANCH**

A. Executive Body: The members of the executive body shall be the elected officers: President, Vice President, and the Treasurer.

B. Executive Cabinet: This shall be the executive body and the chairpersons of the SGA Standing Committees.

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

The Legislative Branch shall be the Student Council. All legislative powers of the SGA shall be vested in this body.

The composition of the Student Council shall be elected representatives from the Freshman class, the Sophomore class, the Junior class, and the Senior class. The formula for determining the Student Council representation shall be two per class as long as the enrollment does not exceed 300; then at which time it shall become three per class. Members of Student Council are referred to as Senators.

**ELECTIONS INFORMATION**

Date of Election: TBA

Application Deadline: TBA

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All Students who have paid the $20 Student Association Fee shall be members of the Student Government Association of the University on the campus where payment is made.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE:**

Candidates applying for the office of the President, Vice President and Treasurer must have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.50.

Candidates applying for the Senate will be elected by their respective classes during the Student Government Association election in April. Candidates must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 with the exception of the Freshman. The formula for determining credit qualifications shall be:

a) Freshman class must be full-time students who have no more than 23.5 cumulative earned degree credits at the time of election.

b) Sophomore class must have no less than 24 but no more than 59.4 cumulative earned degree credits.

c) Junior class must have no less than 60 but no more than 89.5 cumulative earned degree credits.

d) Senior class must have no less than 90 cumulative earned degree credits.
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President of the Student Government Association shall have the following powers and duties:

A. To call and to preside at all meetings of the executive body.
B. To be the official representative of the SGA public functions.
C. To appoint to and disband special committees within the executive cabinet to perform executive functions.
D. To appoint and/or remove chairperson of standing committees with the approval of the Student Council.
E. To appoint committees, advisors, etc. with the approval of the Student Council, as she/he deems necessary to carry out the functions of the Student Government.
F. To appoint the secretary of the SGA.
G. To be an ex-officio member of all SGA committees.
H. To appoint student representatives, with the approval of the student council, to serve on standing college committees where necessary.
I. To authorize payments of expenses, in conjunction with the Treasurer, within the budget approved by the Student Council.
J. To call and to preside at any special meeting of the SGA.

The Treasurer shall have the following powers:

A. To be responsible for the financial administration and records of the Student Government Association.
B. To prepare a budget, in consultation with the executive cabinet, for approval by the Student Council. This shall be done within the first four weeks of each semester.
C. To authorize payments of such expenses, in conjunction with the President, within the budget approved by the council.
D. To readjust the budget only after approval by the Student Council.
E. To submit a financial report to the Student Council when requested to do by the council.
F. To conduct an audit of the financial records of all standing committees of the Student Government Association and to present his/her findings to the Student Council by the end of each semester.

The Student Council members shall have the following powers and duties:

A. To create such committees as it deems necessary for the proper conduct of its business providing that such committees are not in conflict with the standing committees.
B. To disband any SGA committee that fails to comply with the rules of the Student Council.
C. To remove any Student Government committee chairperson as it deems necessary.
D. To review and to approve/disapprove the presidential appointments to the SGA and University committees.
E. To make all regulations governing elections.
F. To impeach the officers of the Student Government Association if necessary. Judgment shall not extend further than removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office in SGA.