

Vanderbilt Student Government Constitution

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ARTICLE I: Objectives

Section I. Mission Statement

The goals of the organization are:

1. To contribute to the sense of community and connection across campus;
2. To advocate for the needs of students with administration;
3. To help administration better reach students and incorporate student voice in decision making.

Section II. Membership Eligibility

In order to be a part of VSG, all members must:

1. Have a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average, or
2. Special permission from VSG Advisors

Additionally, all members must be in good standing with Student Affairs and an enrolled undergraduate at Vanderbilt University.

ARTICLE II. Governmental Composition and Structure

Section I. Executive Board

The Executive Board will consist of the following positions:

1. Student Body President
2. Vice President
3. Speaker of the Senate
4. Chief of Staff

5. Treasurer

The requirements of these positions are outlined in Article III of this document.

Section II. The Senate

The Senate will be composed of the Speaker of the Senate and 18 Senators as outlined in Article IV.

Section III. The Judicial Branch

- The Judicial Branch will be composed of 5 members, including a Chief Justice
- Each year there will be an Elections Commission of 5 members, including an Elections Commission Chair
- The powers of these offices and requirements of the members are given in Article VI of this document

Section IV. Committees

There will be a body of committees overseen by the Vice President as outlined in VI

ARTICLE III. The Executive Board

Section I. The Student Body President

Clause 1. Elections

The Student Body President will be elected annually by the undergraduate student body by means of a simple majority vote.

- All enrolled undergraduate students of Vanderbilt University will be eligible to participate in the voting process, including graduating seniors.
- The presidential candidates will choose a running mate to serve as Vice President.

Clause 2. Duties

The duties of the Student Body President will be:

1. To serve as the chief executive and official representative of the student body and ensure VSG carries out its mission

Clause 3. Vacancy and Succession

Should the Student Body President resign, be removed from office, or be unable to carry out duties, the Vice President will become the Student Body President.

Clause 4. Eligibility

The Student Body President must win Presidential Election with student body with over 50% of the vote and have at least 1 year of experience working in VSG. If no candidate receives 50% of the vote, a runoff will occur between the two candidates who received the most votes.

Section II. Vice President

Clause 1. Elections

The Vice-Presidential candidate will run on a ticket with the Student Body Presidential candidate.

Clause 2. Duties

The duties of the Vice President include:

1. To maintain accountability for Committees, ensuring each committee is carrying out key functions
2. To support committee heads and connect them with proper administrators
3. To establish ad hoc committees as needed

Clause 3. Vacancy and Succession

Should the Vice President resign, be removed from office, or be unable to carry out the previously enumerated duties, the Student Body President will select a new Vice President. This selection will be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Senate.

Clause 4. Eligibility

The Student Body Vice President must win Presidential Election on the same ticket as the President and have at least 1 year of experience working in VSG.

Section III. Speaker of the Senate

Clause 1. Elections

The Speaker of the Senate will be elected by a simple majority vote by the standing Senate at the next Senate session immediately following the election of the Student Body President and Vice President of each year. The newly elected Speaker must be a current member of the Senate.

Clause 2. Duties

The duties of the Speaker of the Senate are:

1. To preside over Senate
2. To oversee election process of senators (including marketing opportunity appropriately to student body)

3. To have deep familiarity with the Constitution and statutes and ensure they are adhered to as closely as possible

Clause 3. Vacancy and Succession

Should the Speaker of the Senate resign, be removed from office, or be unable to carry out previously enumerated duties, the sitting Senate body will nominate a current member of the Senate to the position of Speaker of the Senate. This nomination will be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Senate.

Clause 4. Eligibility

The Speaker of the Senate must have at least 1 year of experience in VSG Senate.

Section IV. Chief of Staff

Clause 1. Appointment

The Chief of Staff will be appointed by the Student Body President. The Senate will confirm this appointment by a simple majority vote. The appointed Chief of Staff will have at least one year experience in VSG.

Clause 2. Duties

The duties of the Chief of Staff will be:

1. To spearhead all administrative duties including attendance records, internal VSG communication and programming, and management of VSG master calendar.
2. To lead recruitment efforts for committees alongside the Vice President and Committee Chairs.

Clause 3. Vacancy and Succession

Should the Chief of Staff resign, be removed from office, or be unable to carry out the previously enumerated duties, the Student Body President will appoint a new Chief of Staff. This appointment will be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Senate.

Clause 4. Eligibility

The Chief of Staff must have at least 1 year experience in VSG.

Section V. Treasurer

Clause 1. Appointment

The Treasurer will be appointed by the Student Body President. The Senate will confirm this appointment by a simple majority vote.

Clause 2. Duties

The duties of the Treasurer will be:

1. To create the VSG budget and present to Senate for approval.
2. To manage all expenses and reimbursements and ensure that approved budget is adhered to.
3. To chair the Student Organization Funding Committee.
4. To oversee co-sponsorship and advocacy fund program with support of Campus Partnerships Committee.

Clause 3. Vacancy and Succession

Should the Treasurer resign, be removed from office, or be unable to carry out the previously enumerated duties, the Student Body President will appoint a new Treasurer. This appointment will be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Senate.

Clause 4. Eligibility

The Treasurer must have at least 1 year of experience in VSG.

Section VI. Mandatory Reporter Status

Members of the VSG Executive Board, which includes the President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, Chief of Staff, and Treasurer, will undergo mandatory reporter training through Project Safe and the Title IX Office that will allow them to properly hold the role of mandatory reporters. This training will occur by the last Friday in the month of October.

ARTICLE IV. The Senate

Section I. Composition

The senate will be composed of 18 members:

- 3 First Years
- 3 Sophomores
- 3 Juniors
- 3 Seniors
- 1 Transfer Student
- 1 student from Peabody College
- 1 student from College of Arts and Science
- 1 student from the Blair School of Music
- 1 student from the School of Engineering
- 1 student from the College of Connected Computing

Section II. Elections

The Speaker of the Senate will be elected according to Article III, Section 3, Clause 1 of this document.

- Senators will be elected by the undergraduate student body in a plurality vote following the Presidential Election in the Spring.
- This election will fill all Senate seats except the First Year and Transfer Student seats.
 - First Year and Transfer Student Senators will be elected within the first six weeks of the Fall Semester.
- Seats that are not filled during the Spring Term Election may be filled in the Fall Term Election.
- Election procedures are outlined in the VSG Statutes.
- The Election Commission Chair and Student Body President will set the date of the election for the week following the President Election and the Fall Term Election by the end of the preceding Spring Term.

There will be no more than 18 voting members of the VSG Senate.

- If there are not enough candidates for each of the grade level seats, the Speaker of the Senate will open applications for the available positions. Applications will be reviewed by the Executive Board, which will appoint applicants to the available positions.
- If there are not enough candidates for any of the undergraduate College seats, then those seats will remain vacant for the duration of the fall semester.
- The Speaker of Senate may open applications for the vacant position(s) at the beginning of the spring semester.

Section III. Duties

The duties of the Senate will be:

1. To vote on all resolutions (including appointments, annual budget, changes to statutes, etc.)
2. To serve on 1 committee throughout the duration of their term (Subject to same attendance requirements as all committee members).
3. To attend weekly senate meetings and VSG GBMs
4. To represent the best interests of the undergraduate student body

To voice student concerns on any issues deemed appropriate and pertinent

Section IV. Senate Voting Procedures

Senate votes will occur to approve or reject the VSG Budget, all appointments, and any changes to the Statutes or the Constitution, as well as to approve any resolutions presented before the Senate.

All senators will receive one vote. In order to proceed with a vote, two-thirds of the elected officers must be present.

- All votes require a simple majority of present Senators to pass, the only exception being the VSG budget must pass with 2/3 approval

- All votes will be overseen by the Speaker of the Senate, or President in case of absence. After the issue is raised, each senator will vote “Yay,” “Nay,” or they may choose to abstain from the vote.
- In the event that a senator cannot attend a Senate session, they can send a proxy of their choice to vote in their place. In the event of an even split, the Speaker of the Senate will have a tie-breaking vote.
 - At least 2/3 elected senators must be present for a vote (proxies do not count for this total)
- All votes are public and subject to be publicized to the student body.

Section V. Resolutions

Resolutions may be initiated by any student or officer of VSG, but must be co-authored by a current voting member of the Senate or a member of the VSG Executive Board.

Any member of the Vanderbilt student body may co-sponsor a Senate resolution.

All resolutions passed must be signed by the Speaker of the Senate and the Student Body President to be valid. If either the Speaker of the Senate or the Student Body President do not respond within 48 hours of passage, the resolution will be considered signed.

If the Student Body President shall veto a resolution, it may then be reintroduced in the Senate. If the resolution receives a two-thirds majority vote in the chamber, the veto may be overridden without the President’s consent.

Section VI. Statutes

The Senate will have the power to enact and alter Statutes pursuant to this document by a simple majority vote.

ARTICLE V. Committees

Section I. Composition

The VSG Standing Committees are listed below.

- Additional Ad Hoc Committees will may be created as the Vice President deems necessary.
 - The leadership of an ad hoc committee will be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Senate.
 - An Ad Hoc committee can only exist for one year
 - No more than 5 Ad Hoc Committees can exist simultaneously

Each Committee will consist of:

1. A Committee Chair
 - a. One undergraduate student to be appointed by the Executive Board with input from the previous Committee Chair and confirmed by a simple majority vote of

the Senate. They must have at least one year of experience in VSG on any committee.

2. The Vice President as an ex-officio member
3. At least 1 VSG Senator
4. At least 1 first year student appointed by the Executive Board and Committee Chair
 - a. First year students will apply to be a part of the committees, and the Executive Board and Committee Chairs will decide which applicants are selected to be a part of each committee.
5. Additional members interviewed by the presiding Committee Chair accompanied by the Senator

The size of each committee will be elaborated in the Statutes.

Section II. Duties

The duties of the Committees will be:

1. To seek student input from constituents falling under the jurisdiction of each respective committee.
2. To continually improve student and campus life through the resources and appropriate channels of each respective committee.
3. To assist in advancing agenda items of VSG falling under the jurisdiction of each respective committee, overseen by the Vice President.

The duties of the Committee Chairs will be:

1. To carry out objectives for their committee as outlined in section III.
2. To maintain relationships and standing meetings with relevant administrators and university staff.
3. To recruit members for respective committees.
4. To attend all meetings for the respective committee.
5. To attend bi-weekly meetings with all Committee Chairs and the Executive Board and provide brief updates on their committee's work.

The duties of the committee members will be:

1. To regularly attend all committee meetings and monthly GBMs.
2. To contribute to committee work and complete tasks assigned by committee head in a timely manner.

Section III. Responsibilities of Committees

1. Campus Services
 - a. To coordinate all VSG initiatives that fall within the Division of Administration departments of Business Services and Central Administration, including Campus Dining, Mail Services, Printing Services, Bookstore and Commodore Card Office.
 - b. To collaborate with the Student Care Network and its affiliated organizations on VSG programming and initiatives.

- c. To voice student concerns and suggestions regarding any other on-campus or off-campus services.
 - d. To act as the first line of report for student feedback, to direct students to resources on campus, and to enact tangible change.
 - e. To advocate for affordable campus resources.
2. Academic Affairs
- a. To assist with all VSG activities regarding the University Registrar and Enrollment Management Systems (EMS), Course Evaluation System, and Course Management System (CMS).
 - b. To maintain relationships with the academic deans, administrators, and faculty of all undergraduate colleges.
 - c. To work with the undergraduate schools in communicating academic policies, procedures, and regulations to the undergraduate community.
 - d. To assist with all VSG activities relating to Vanderbilt Study Abroad and Immersion Vanderbilt opportunities, activities, and development.
 - e. To work with the Undergraduate Honor Council and appropriate University administrators in promoting academic integrity.
 - f. To facilitate a process by which student concerns and grievances can be represented to the proper administrators, department heads, and faculty.
 - g. To assist with VSG efforts in providing graduate school exam preparation and test facilitation on campus.
 - h. To manage and organize all logistics associated with the Adriel Bineza Graduate and Professional School Equity Fund, including annual revision of the award and establishment of award criteria.
3. Public Safety and Transportation
- a. To lead VSG efforts regarding ride-share and transportation off campus.
 - b. To coordinate all VSG initiatives that fall within the Division of Administration departments of Public Safety and Mobility, including the Police Department, Emergency Management, Parking Services, & Vandy Ride and Transportation and Mobility, including the MoveVU program.
 - c. To strengthen relationships and collaborate with the University's Police Department and Campus Security Officers to enhance campus safety.
4. Diversity and Inclusion
- a. To assist in advocating for diversity and multicultural issues to the University community.
 - b. To assist in university efforts to promote campus unity and community building through developing campus activities that bring the undergraduate community together.
 - c. To assist in efforts ensuring the views of the diverse student population and student groups are properly represented within VSG.
 - d. To support student activism.
 - e. To serve as VSG's liaison to the Interfaith Council and Multicultural Leadership Council.
 - f. To lead VSG's efforts in voicing and raising awareness about the unique concerns of international students to the University.

- g. To actively reach out to and collaborate with ISSS, ISSS-AB, VISA, ISC, and any student organization whose mission includes supporting international students.
 - h. To foster community building between domestic and international students and cultivate international student representation in the Vanderbilt community.
 - i. To facilitate the Regalia Fund, which provides financial support for graduating students to purchase regalia for graduation.
 - j. To support all initiatives related to Economic Inclusivity
5. Campus Partnerships
- a. To plan bi-semesterly Vanderbilt Leadership Alliance dinners (VLA);
 - b. To maintain communications with campus organizations for collaborations with VSG or other groups.
 - c. To manage VSG visibility and campus engagements events.
 - d. To facilitate relationships with university administrative offices and the student body.
 - e. To oversee co-sponsorship and advocacy fund programs alongside the Treasurer.
6. Campus Culture and Spirit
- a. To assist with all VSG activities regarding Vanderbilt University Athletics and the Student Athletics Advisory Board.
 - b. To serve as the primary liaison between VSG, Vanderbilt University Athletics, the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center, and student athletes.
 - c. To foster and expand school spirit through programming events and initiatives with university offices and partnering Registered Student Organizations.
7. Public Relations
- a. To manage the weekly VSG Newsletter and other outreach initiatives to the Student Body.
 - b. To manage all social media accounts and websites connected to VSG.
 - c. To create social media posts and video content highlighting and promoting VSG's initiatives, partnerships, and events.
 - d. To use VSG's platforms to highlight campus news and events and the work of RSOs and University offices.
8. Philanthropy
- a. To organize and execute VSG's annual Giving Tree event and other service events such as MLK Day of Service.
 - b. To establish partnerships with service organizations in the Nashville area to promote their work and connect students with these organizations.
9. Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention
- a. To lead VSG efforts regarding awareness and prevention of sexual assault and other forms of intimate partner violence.
 - b. To collaborate with other student organizations whose mission includes sexual assault awareness and prevention.
 - c. To assist with VSG activities involving the Project Safe Center.
 - d. To advise institutional efforts regarding awareness and prevention of sexual assault and other forms of intimate partner violence.
 - e. To serve as a student perspective in any policy revision work relating to sexual misconduct or intimate partner violence.

- f. To serve as VSG liaisons in all matters regarding Title IX, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence.

Section III. Student Input

Input from the student body shall be collected on a continual basis. Student input may be collected in the following manner:

1. The Student Body President, with the help of the Chief of Staff, shall create a student input forum and ensure the student body is properly and continually informed of the forum.
2. The forum shall allow students to:
 - a. Share concerns or suggestions for, including but not limited to, campus dining, housing, and academics
 - b. Submit initiative ideas to improve student and campus life
 - c. Express support for other student-submitted concerns and initiatives
 - d. Choose to remain anonymous
3. The Vice President shall regularly inform VSG committees of campus concerns and student-submitted initiatives in a timely manner.
4. A simple majority vote by a committee's members is required for any committee to take on a student-submitted initiative.
5. If deemed appropriate by the respective committee chair, the student who submitted the initiative shall be invited to a committee meeting to aid its efforts to implement the initiative.
6. The Student Body President shall maintain transparent communication about the status of all student submitted concerns and initiatives.

Input will also be collected via the Vanderbilt Student Census, administered yearly in the fall semester and subject to the guidelines enumerated in the VSG statutes

ARTICLE VI. The Judicial Branch

Section I. The Membership and Structure of the Judicial Court

The Judicial Court will consist of 5 Justices who represent the student body. Justices will not, concurrent to service, hold any other position within VSG. No person who has served as a Justice may be elected or appointed to any position external to the Judicial Branch of VSG.

Justices must have completed at least 12 semester hours and will be subject to the same minimum GPA requirements and criteria for membership as all other officers of VSG as prescribed in Article I Section III of this document.

Justices will serve until they resign, become ineligible under Article I Section III of this document, or are impeached.

Members of the Judicial Court will not be candidates nor be permitted to publicly support candidates for any elected office of VSG.

If the Judicial Court consists of fewer than 5 sitting Justices, the Justices may nominate new Justices who will apply to be interviewed by a panel consisting of the current Justices and at least two members of the Executive Board. Nominees will be presented by the committee to the Senate and will be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. If the Senate denies the nominees, the sitting Justices will re-convene to select new nominees.

If a vacancy in the Court is anticipated, the Judicial Court may initiate nomination and confirmation up to 6 months in advance of the anticipated vacancy. A nominee confirmed in this way will not begin serving as a Justice until a vacancy in the Court arises.

The Judicial Court will elect a Chief Justice from among its members by the end of the spring semester of each year. If the office of Chief Justice becomes vacant, the Court will immediately elect a new Chief Justice from among its members.

Section II. The Duties of the Judicial Court

The duties of the Judicial Court will be:

1. To have sole original jurisdiction in all cases arising under this Constitution and its associated Statutes.
2. To enforce the rules of the VSG governing documents and ensure the legality of all VSG activities, with respect to all VSG and University policies.
3. To issue non-binding advisory opinions, at its discretion or at the request of any student enrolled at Vanderbilt University, not serving on the Judicial Court.
4. To issue binding legal orders on any issue within its jurisdiction at the request of any student enrolled at Vanderbilt University, not serving on the Judicial Court.
5. To establish its own rules of procedure, which will be contained in the Judicial Court Bylaws, and may only be changed by a majority vote of the Judicial Court and confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.
6. To maintain a record of its proceedings, and issue written opinions in all cases brought before it.
7. To make all opinions it has rendered publicly available within 48 hours of the Court's decision in each case.
8. To initiate investigative procedures for removal from office in accordance with Article IX and report findings to the Senate.
9. To hear appeals of Elections Commission decisions when at least 2 members of the Judicial Court vote to grant such an appeal.

Section III. The Duties of the Chief Justice

The duties of the Chief Justice will be:

1. To serve as spokesperson and representative of the Judicial Court for all decisions made by the Court to the rest of VSG and the Student Body.
2. To oversee all Judicial Court proceedings and facilitate all Judicial Court meetings.
3. To keep official and thorough records of all Judicial Court proceedings.
4. To make public all Judicial Court decisions within 48 hours.

5. To keep official documentation of all Judicial Court decisions.
6. To attend all VSG GBMs and working sessions.

Section IV. The Powers of the Judicial Court

All formal actions must be passed by a majority vote. No formal action may be taken by the Court without all currently serving Justices present. If a Justice is absent for an extended period of time (including study abroad), he/she may voice his/her vote through available technology. There will be no proxy votes.

The Judicial Court will have the power to issue writs of injunction and writs of mandamus.

The Judicial Court will have the power to declare null and void any act of VSG that violates VSG or University policies.

Legal orders of the Judicial Court will have persuasive precedential value in subsequent proceedings of the Judicial Court and will have binding precedential value over subsequent proceedings of the Elections Commission. The passage of time will not cause the precedential value of legal orders to expire.

Section V. The Membership and Structure of the Elections Commission

The Elections Commission will consist of 5 members. Elections Commission members must have completed at least 12 semester hours and will be subject to the same minimum GPA requirements and criteria for membership as all other officers of VSG as prescribed in Article I Section III of this document.

The Elections Commission Chair will be nominated by the Executive Board via an application process and confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. The remaining 4 Elections Commission members will be nominated by the Elections Commission Chair from the applicant pool and confirmed by a simple majority in the Senate.

Elections Commission members will serve for 1 academic year unless they resign, become ineligible under Article I Section III of this document, or are impeached.

The new Elections Commission Chair will be subject to confirmation by the Senate prior to the last Senate meeting in the spring semester. The remaining four Elections Commission members will be subject to confirmation by the Senate at the last Senate meeting in the spring semester.

Section VI. The Duties of the Elections Commission

The duties of the Elections Commission will be:

1. To oversee all VSG elections.
2. To publicize all VSG elections to the undergraduate student body.
3. To publicize all VSG elections results to the undergraduate student body within 24 hours of polls closing.

4. To interpret the Constitution and Statutes relating to actions made by candidates.
5. To establish clear campaigning rules which are consistent with the guidelines and rules prescribed by the VSG Constitution and Statutes, which must be presented to the Executive Board no less than one week prior to the election general interest meeting.
6. To hold a mandatory general interest meeting before every election and to determine the rules and attendance requirements of such meetings.

Section VII. The Powers of the Elections Commission

The Elections Commission will have sole original jurisdiction to rule on campaign violations and to determine appropriate sanctions if rules are violated. Decisions made by the Elections Commission may be appealed to the Judicial Court. The Judicial Court is not required to hear such appeals.

ARTICLE IX. Vacancies and Removal from Office

Section I. Removal and Vacancy of the President and Vice President

Clause 1. Removal of the President or Vice President

The President or Vice President may be removed from office by either of the following methods:

- a. Upon receipt of a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the student body, submitted through an official Anchor Link petition process, and subsequent approval of removal by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate; or
- b. Upon receipt of a petition signed by fifty percent (50%) of the student body, submitted through an official Anchor Link petition process; or
- c. Upon a two-thirds vote of non-confidence by the Senate following an investigation by the Judicial Court, which may be initiated by a simple majority vote in the Senate.

Clause 2. Vacancy in the Office of President

If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President will assume the duties and powers of the President.

Clause 3. Vacancy in the Office of Vice President

If the office of Vice President becomes vacant, the President may appoint a successor, subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Clause 4. Vacancy in the Offices of President and Vice President

If both the offices of President and Vice President become vacant, the Speaker of the Senate will assume the duties and powers of the President.

Section II. Removal and Vacancy of the Speaker of the Senate

Clause 1. Removal of the Speaker of the Senate

If the Executive Board or any Senator deems the Speaker of the Senate unfit to serve, a vote for removal may be introduced in the Senate. Removal of the Speaker of the Senate will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Clause 2. Vacancy in the Office of Speaker of the Senate

A vacancy in the office of Speaker of the Senate will be filled in accordance with the same procedure as the original appointment to the office. Any current or former Senator will be eligible, consistent with applicable constitutional and statutory requirements.

Section III. Removal and Vacancy of Elected Senators

Clause 1. Grounds for Removal of Elected Senators

An elected Senator may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:

- a. Upon receipt of a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the Senator's constituency; or
- b. Failure to fulfill the duties of office, including duties as a Senator or on a committee, as deemed by the Senator's Committee Head or a member of the Executive Board.

Clause 2. Senate Vote on Removal of Elected Senators

In either case described in Clause 1, the Senate will hold a vote on removal. Removal of an elected Senator will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Clause 3. Vacancy in an Elected Senate Seat

A vacancy in an elected Senate seat will be filled by a special election to occur no later than two (2) weeks after the vacancy occurs, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution or the Statutes.

Section IV. Removal and Vacancy of Committee Heads, the Chief of Staff, and the Treasurer

Clause 1. Removal

If the President and Vice President jointly deem a Committee Head, the Chief of Staff, or the Treasurer unfit to continue in office, or if the Senate, by a simple majority vote, declare no confidence, the Senate will vote on removal. Removal will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Clause 2. Vacancy

A vacancy in any office listed in Clause 1 of this Section will be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Section V. Removal of Committee Members

Clause 1. Removal by Recommendation and Executive Approval

A Committee Member may be removed from VSG upon recommendation of the member's Committee Chair and approval by both the President and Vice President.

Clause 2. Appeal to the Senate

A Committee Member removed under Clause 1 may appeal the removal to the Senate. The Senate may overturn the removal by a simple majority vote.

Section VI. Removal and Vacancy of Justices

Clause 1. Removal

If the Executive Board deems a Justice unfit to serve, or if the Senate, by a simple majority vote, declare no confidence, a vote for removal may be introduced in the Senate. Removal of a Justice will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Clause 2. Vacancy

A vacancy in the office of a Justice will be filled in accordance with the same procedure as the original appointment to the office.

ARTICLE XI. Finances

Section I. VSG Budget

The VSG Statutes will govern the budget.

ARTICLE XII. Amendments and Revisions

Section I. Initiation of an Amendment to the Constitution

Any member of the Senate or the VSG Executive Board may present an amendment to this Constitution.

Section II. Ratification of the Amendment by the Senate

In order to appear on the ballot for a referendum, any proposed amendment must meet one of the following conditions:

1. A two-thirds (2/3) majority rule of the Senate.

2. A petition of five (5) percent of the undergraduate student body to be administered through Anchorlink

Section III. Ratification of the Amendment by the Student Body

A proposed amendment will appear in its complete written form in a referendum vote.

A simple majority vote by the undergraduates of the University will be required for ratification of this Constitution or any proposed amendments.

Article XIII. Transition Committee

For one semester after the Constitution is amended, a transition committee of 8 students will be assembled. This committee will be overseen by VSG advisors,

1. The Transition Committee will be empowered with making amendments to this Constitution until the end of the 2026 fall semester.
2. Members of the Transition Committee will be nominated by the Student Body President and confirmed by a simple majority vote in the Senate.
3. Any amendments proposed by the Transition Committee must be approved by Dean G. L. Black and the VSG advisors and confirmed by a simple majority vote in the Senate.
4. Further responsibilities will be enumerated in the Statutes.