Student Government Association’s Committee Descriptions

Academic Affairs- Our role is to consider all aspects of the academic experience at UVM, including curriculum, academic integrity, classroom environment, learning technologies, and run-on sentences. As a result of this process, we are then able to generate recommendations to the appropriate administrative bodies on how to modify the academic infrastructure in order to effectively serve the evolving needs of the student body, and to correspond with committees that might be seeing these projects through.

Public Relations- The Public Relations Committee is responsible for ensuring that the student body and UVM community are informed of the activities of the Student Government Association. They coordinate all Student Government publicity, including student appointment positions, Board of Trustees selection, Student Government elections, and resolutions and bills passed by the SGA Senate to the appropriate persons and locations. This committee conducts the Vermont Student Opinion Poll (VSOP) at least once per semester on any relevant issues currently being debated.

Student Action- The Student Action Committee considers matters concerning student interests and issues on the university, local, state, and federal levels and recommends resolutions and actions to the Senate. They are responsible for such issues, including but not limited to, athletics, arts and culture, Greek life, student life, student safety and residential life.

Diversity, Equity, and Environmental Ethics- The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics (CODEEE) is responsible for student interest in the areas of racial and cultural diversity, social equity, and the environment. They will consider and make recommendations on issues pertaining to racial diversity, cultural competency, and the health of the UVM community. CODEEE shall consider and make recommendations on issues pertaining to social equity, including but not limited to the status of women; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered equity; economic justice; accessibility for differently-abled students; and socially responsible investment. They will consider and make recommendations on issues pertaining to UVM’s environmental impact and sustainability; including but not limited to renewable energy, ecological design and stewardship, environmental health and the pursuit of the Environmental University.

Legislative Action- The Committee on Legislative Action (COLA) serves as the external student voice to the Burlington and the Vermont community. They are responsible for improving relations with the State of Vermont and the City of Burlington and will communicate with the University Administration on matters regarding relations with these entities. COLA serves as the Co-Chair of the Community
Coalition which meets once a month and is comprised of students, city council members, Burlington Police, UVM Police, landlords, non-student residents, amongst others to address issues in the community through open dialogue.

Student Activities- The Student Activities Committee is responsible for overseeing all activities related to SGA clubs and organizations. They consider all requests for new club recognition and submit them before the SGA Senate for approval. This committee is responsible for monitoring SGA organizations during meetings and events, and shall keep in close contact with club officials to ensure that they are running smoothly and correctly. They will investigate student exclusions from participating in clubs and violations of SGA or UVM policies. The Student Activities Committee will decide on club recognition status and disciplinary actions.

Finance Committee- The Finance Committee is responsible for considering and making recommendations to the Senate on all proposed budgets of SGA organizations. They organize and maintain all finance documentation and legislation and consider all matters concerned with Student Government financial affairs. The committee meets weekly with clubs and organizations requesting supplemental funding and allocates funds with the SGA Treasurer.