Section E: Standing Committees of the Senate

1. The Academic Affairs Committee
   a. Shall consider matters of student interest in the areas of academic policy, curriculum, and faculty-student relations, and shall take and recommend actions to the SGA
   b. Shall delegate SGA Senators or UVM undergraduate students to the several standing Faculty Senate Committees to serve one-year terms, particularly those committees concerning the undergraduate student experience
      i. Curricular Affairs Committee, Student Affairs Committee, Educational and Research Technologies Committee, Research, Scholarship and the Creative Arts Committee
         Financial and Physical Planning Committee, and Professional Standards Committee.
      ii. Others as determined annually
   c. Shall establish and maintain a strategic advisory committee for the Peer Advising and Mentoring Program, which shall facilitate communication between the SGA, the Center for Academic Success, and Peer Mentoring partner units in the several colleges.
      i. The Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee shall serve as the Co-Chair of this committee and determine its structure
   d. Shall appoint one (1) student representative for a one-year term to serve on each of the following Faculty Senate General Education Review committees: Quantitative Reasoning, Sustainability, and Diversity.
      i. The Student Appointment to the Diversity Curriculum Review Committee shall be decided in partnership with the SGA Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity, and other student identity groups as pertinent.
      ii. The Student Appointed to the DCRC shall be obligated to meet with all identity-based clubs and student organizations on campus.
      iii. The Student Appointment to the Sustainability Committee shall be decided in partnership with the SGA on the Environment, and other student identity groups as pertinent.

2. The Committee on Legislative and Community Affairs (COLCA).
   a. Shall serve as a student voice to the Burlington and Vermont communities.
   b. Shall deal with matters of local, state, federal, and international issues that pertain to UVM and the members of the student body at large, and serve as a mediator between those organizational bodies.
   c. Shall provide, in conjunction with other UVM departments, information to the State Government of Vermont when necessary.
   d. Shall communicate with the UVM administration on matters regarding relations with the City of Burlington and the State of Vermont.
   e. Shall hold forums between local colleges’ administrations, local Student Governments, the City of Burlington, the Burlington Police Department, UVM Police Services, and any other groups as deemed necessary.
   f. The Chair of COLCA shall serve as the Co-Chair of the Community Coalition. Senators on COLCA are expected to attend all Community Coalition meetings unless there are extenuating circumstances.
   g. Shall host semesterly Community Clean-up events and encourage participation from UVM students and Burlington residents alike. Will call upon the Committee on the Environment for assistance regarding the trash, compost, and recycling process.
   h. Shall arrange an SGA visit to the Vermont State House in Montpelier each spring semester.
   i. Shall engage and inform students on local and national political elections.
j. Shall encourage students to vote locally by holding voter registration drives.

3. The Finance Committee.
   a. Shall be responsible for meeting with SGA Organizations to discuss and allocate funds, and to bring allocation requests before the Senate when necessary.
   b. Shall organize and maintain all financial documentation and legislation.
   c. Shall consider matters concerned with SGA financial affairs.
   d. Shall bring forth a proposal for the SGA central budget to be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of Senators present and voting, by April 30th of each year.
   e. Shall monitor and enforce any and all financial policies approved by the Senate.
   f. Shall advise any SGA recognized organization on fundraising activity.

4. The Public Relations Committee (PR).
   a. Shall ensure that the student body is informed about the activities and actions of the SGA through means of social media, emails, tabling, posters, and other marketing.
   b. Shall coordinate SGA publicity, including but not limited to: student appointment positions, UVM Board of Trustees Selections, and SGA elections.
      i. Any and all SGA Elections publicity will be coordinated with PR and the Elections Committee.
      ii. The Chair of PR shall appoint one (1) member to serve on the Elections Committee.
   c. Shall maintain relationships with media organizations throughout the UVM community and the State of Vermont.
   d. Shall search for and convey pertinent information about UVM and SGA Organizations to the members of the student body and the SGA.
   e. Shall aid SGA Organizations, in coordination with the Club Affairs Committee, on publicity and other matters of public relations.
   f. Shall hold an information session for all SGA Organizations at least once a year, in coordination with the Club Affairs Committee, outlining proper advertising techniques and other matters pertinent to public relations.
   g. Shall collaborate with all other SGA committees to conduct the Vermont Student Opinion Poll (VSOP) at least once a semester on any relevant issues and make these results known to the SGA.
   h. Shall hold a monthly, small scale SGA forum in various locations around campus entitled SGA 2 U.
      i. Shall organize and host a larger, town-hall style SGA outreach event once a semester with the Executive Committee in attendance.

5. Committee on Student Action & Well-Being
   a. Shall consider matters concerning student safety, health, and overall well-being.
   b. The committee shall serve as a liaison between SGA and departments such as: UVM Athletics, Department of Student Life, UVM Residential Life, UVM Dining Services, Living Well, UVM Counseling and Psychiatry Services, the Food Insecurity Working Group, Real Food Working Group and the Center for Health and Wellbeing.
   c. Shall seek and receive complaints and suggestions from the student body regarding wellbeing, share them with the Senate, and act to improve the needs of the student body.
d. The Chair of the Committee on Student Action & Well-Being shall be responsible for meeting with the Executive Director for the Center of Health and Well-being and Senior Public Health Officer at least once per semester.

e. A member of the Committee on Student Action & Well-Being shall attend meetings of the Health Collective.

f. The Chair of the Committee on Student Action & Well-Being shall be responsible for appointing one (1) UVM student to the JED Campus Committee.

g. The Chair of Committee on Student Action & Well-Being shall appoint two SGA senators to the SGA & UPB Coordinating Committee at the start of each academic year.
   i. The joint committee will work enhance the partnership between the two organizations.
   ii. The joint committee shall meet at minimum five times per year.
   iii. The joint committee shall present feedback and developments regarding the preparation and execution of the Springfest concert annually to the Senate
   iv. The joint committee shall gather student feedback to present to UPB Concerts Committee and the SGA Senate.

h. The Chair of the Committee on Student Action & Well-Being shall appoint a senator to the Dining Advisory Committee at the start of each academic year

6. The Club Affairs Committee.

   a. Shall consider all requests for SGA Organizations recognition according to the Process for Recognizing SGA Organizations and submit them before the Senate for approval.
   b. Shall advise SGA Organizations on general matters, including but not limited to risk management, and club transitions and general operations.
   c. Shall consider and make recommendations to the Finance Committee on eligibility for funding for SGA Organizations throughout the semester for supplemental funding and in February for budgeting.
   d. Shall keep in close contact with SGA Organizations’ officers to ensure that they are running in accordance with the SGA Code of Conduct and University Policies.
   e. Shall serve as an advocate for resolving SGA Organizations’ issues with the SGA.
   f. Shall maintain consistent contact with SGA Organizations.
   g. If deemed necessary by the Club Affairs Chair, the committee shall issue censures, recommend sanctions or de-recognition of a SGA Organizations.
   h. Shall ensure that all SGA Organizations are open to all members of the student body.
   i. The Chair of the committee shall appoint members of the committee to be liaisons to the SGA Organizations, to help keep consistent contact and any other issues deemed necessary by the Chair.
   j. Shall hold a workshop that requires the attendance of both club signers of each organization and that is to be held at least once a year.
   k. Shall work in coordination with the PR Committee to aid SGA Organizations on publicity and other matters of public relations including outlining proper advertising.

7. Committee on Diversity Inclusion, and Equity (CODIE).

   a. Shall be responsible for addressing concerns in the areas of diversity, equity,
social justice, and inclusion.

b. Shall consider and make recommendation on issues pertaining to social equity, including but not limited to, issues surrounding race, color, ethnicity, sex, religion, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, veteran status, age, economic or social class.

c. Shall serve as a liaison between the Senate and the President’s Commission on Inclusive Excellence, and the Office of the Vice President of Human Resources, Diversity, & Multicultural Affairs.

d. Shall be responsible for advising the SGA Vice President on encouraging an inclusive environment within Senate, the Galaxy Space, and recognized clubs & organizations.

e. Shall be responsible for hosting a forum, open to the student body, at least once per semester to further address concerns around diversity, equity, social justice, and inclusion.

f. Shall meet with the Center for Cultural Pluralism, Interfaith Center, Prism Center, Mosaic Center, Office of International Education, Student Accessibility Services and Women’s Center at least once (1) per semester.

g. The chair of the committee shall appoint one (1) student representative to the following Title IX committees: Prevention and Engagement, and Climate Assessment; and on the Faculty Senate Diversity Curriculum Review Committee

i. Student Appointment to the Faculty Senate Diversity Curriculum Review Committee shall be decided in partnership with the SGA Academic Affairs Committee and other student identity groups as pertinent.

h. The Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity shall be in communication with cultural, diversity and religious SGA recognized clubs and other organizations or individuals in regards to the Diversity Enhancement Fund every semester. The process shall be made as transparent as possible.


a. Shall be responsible for addressing student concerns in the areas of environmental stewardships and sustainability.

b. Shall consider and make recommendations pertaining to environmental impact and sustainability, and be responsible for providing, promoting, and supporting educational opportunities relating to campus sustainability.

c. Shall Serve as a liaison between the Senate and groups on campus including, but not limited to, the Office of Sustainability, Eco-Reps, UVM Dining, and environmentally-related clubs and organizations. Shall do so by coordinating and leading discussions within the Environmental Collaboration Organization (ECO).

d. Shall lead efforts to mitigate and offset carbon emission resulting from the operations of the SGA and its SGA-recognized clubs and organizations, through SGA’s carbon neutral initiative.

e. Shall uphold SGA’s commitment to the Vermont Climate Pledge Coalition (VCPC), by making and implementing pledges to reduce SGA’s overall environmental impact.

f. Student Appointment to the Sustainability Curriculum Review Committee shall be decided in partnership with the SGA Academic Affairs Committee and other student groups as pertinent.