

CONSTITUTION

OF THE
SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Saint Vincent College
SGA



Ratified by the unanimous vote of the Saint Vincent College
Student Government Association Senate & majority vote of the
Student Body on November 13, 2001.

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PREAMBLE

The Student Government Association (SGA) supports the mission of the College to be a Catholic liberal arts College in the Benedictine tradition. This organization works to create an environment for students which respects student rights and each person's development opportunities and talents. SGA wishes to improve the quality of life for students, whether residing on campus or commuting to the College, and is interested in basic issues such as residence life, sports activities, and recreational and cultural programs. The Student Government Association builds community at the College by providing contact among administrators, students, faculty, and staff, while striving to maintain mutually respectful interactions. The SGA supports the College's efforts to establish a drug-free, violence-free, and harassment-free environment. It supports adequate counseling and tutoring services and technological upgrades. The Student Government Association is founded on the basic principles of honesty, community, dedication to service, ethical behavior, productive teamwork, and development of the person as a whole.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purposes of the Saint Vincent College Student Government Association are

- to act as a liaison between the administration and the student body by representing and being attentive to student concerns and interests;
- to improve the quality of life for students by effecting change in regard to policy and campus development and by overseeing student activities, both social and academic;
- and to preserve the College's commitment to dedicate itself to traditional Benedictine values and a strong liberal arts education.

ARTICLE I

AUTHORITY OF THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. The Student Government Association shall be governed by this Constitution regarding power, responsibilities, and duties.

Section 2. Any question raised by any member of the Student Body, the Student Government Association, or by the Administration of Saint Vincent College regarding the conformity with this constitution of any action or policy of the Student Government Association as a whole or of any of its constituent bodies shall be decided by a council to be appointed by the Faculty Advisor(s), the Dean of Students, and the Director of Campus Life. The Faculty Advisor(s), the Dean of Students and the Director of Campus Life shall decide the size and composition of this council. They must appoint a chair who will report weekly to the Senate of the Student Government Association. Members of this council shall include members of the Senate of the Student Government Association, but they shall not constitute a majority of the membership of this council unless there is a conflict of interests.

ARTICLE II

STRUCTURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Government Association shall consist of three bodies: The Executive Board, the Senate, and the Activities Programming Board. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, whose duties, powers, and responsibilities are defined in this constitution. The Senate shall be the legislative body as organized and defined in this constitution. The Activities Programming Board, whose organization shall be found within their charter, shall organize and execute activities on campus.

ARTICLE III

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of four officers: a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, each of whom shall be elected according to the requirements of Article V of this constitution, (Eligibility and Procedures for Elections), and shall assume office no later than December 20 of each year.

Section 2. The Executive President shall have the power to:

- a. Execute all programs and policies determined by the Senate.
- b. Establish the agenda of all meetings of the Senate.
- c. Appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, three student representatives to serve on the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) of Saint Vincent College.

- d. Appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, two student representatives from the Senate to serve on the Student Faculty Administration Board (SFAB); in addition, the President shall be an ex-officio member of the SFAB.
- e. Organize and conduct elections according to the procedures described in Article V, (Eligibility and Procedures for Elections), of this constitution for the following: Two students to serve on the SFAB of Saint Vincent College as well as all members of the Senate.
- f. Allocate money, up to \$500, for unforeseen expenses not previously discussed or authorized by the Senate. An itemized report of these allocations must be submitted to the Senate.
- g. Request an emergency meeting of the Senate, which may act only if quorum is achieved.
- h. Veto legislation by returning to the Senate with a statement of his/her reasons for the veto; sign legislation passed by the Senate; and refrain from either vetoing or signing legislation, in which case the legislation becomes effective seventy-two hours after the Executive President has received it.
- i. Appoint the Senior Class President to temporarily assume the duties of the Executive Board President in the case of an absence of both the Executive Board President and the Executive Board Vice-President until their return, which shall not exceed the time of two weeks.
- j. Chair all meetings of the Senate; but he/she shall not have the right to vote.
- k. Organize, schedule, and supervise all special elections as called for in this constitution.
- l. Serve as an ex officio of the Financial Advisory Board.
- m. Serve as an ex officio member of the Activities Programming Board.

Section 3. The Executive Vice-President shall have the power to:

- a. Assist the Executive President in the execution of all programs and policies determined by the Senate.
- b. Assume the duties of the President during any temporary absence of the President.
- c. Assume the duties of the President in the event of the President's resignation, sickness, death, or removal from office.
- d. The Vice-President shall not have a vote in the Senate except in the case of a tie.
- e. Serve as an ex officio member of the Student Faculty Administration Board of Saint Vincent College.
- f. Shall oversee the operation of the Activities Programming Board.

Section 4. The Executive Treasurer shall have the power to:

- a. Chair the Financial Advisory Board of the Student Government Association.
- b. Present to the Senate an accurate financial statement at every meeting of the Senate.
- c. Present to the Senate a budget of planned expenditures for the Student Government Association for the current semester.
- d. Serve as an ex-officio member of the Student Faculty Administration Board of Saint Vincent College.

- Section 5. Secretary shall have the power to:
- a. Record the minutes of every meeting of the Senate and to present the minutes of the previous meeting to the Senate for its approval; in the absence or incapacity of the Executive Secretary, the Executive President shall assign this responsibility to a member of the Senate.
 - b. Publish all official documents and communications of the Student Government Association including minutes, records, elections, and notices, and maintain these documents in a permanent file.
 - c. Serve as an ex officio member of the Student Faculty Administration Board of Saint Vincent College.

ARTICLE IV

THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

- Section 1. The voting members of the Senate shall be elected representatives according to the following distribution:
- a. Four Class Senators elected from each of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen classes.
 - b. Three representatives from each of Bonaventure Hall, Gerard Hall, and Saint Benedict Hall; two representatives from each of the Commuter population, Wimmer Hall, and Rooney Hall; and one representative from Aurelius Hall.
 - c. A President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary for each of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen classes.
 - d. Senators elected 'at-large' in a number determined by the difference between the numbers elected according to the procedures given above (Art. IV, Sec. I, a through c) and the maximum membership of fifty. This number is to be published at the time of the at-large election.

Section 2. The non-voting members of the Senate shall be the four members of the Executive Board.

Section 3. The first meeting of the Senate shall be called by the Executive President within seven calendar days of the final publication of the results of the elections of the Senate members.

Section 4. All members of the Senate are obligated to attend all meetings under the policies stated in Article VIII, Section 2, subsection a, (Impeachment and Recall of a Senator).

ARTICLE V

ELIGIBILITY AND PROCEDURES FOR ELECTIONS

Section 1. Voter Eligibility.

- a. In all campus-wide elections, all properly registered full-time students as defined by the Saint Vincent College Bulletin are eligible to vote.
- b. In any limited eligibility elections, only those students who meet the restrictions identified in this constitution shall be eligible to vote; these restrictions include:
 1. For class officers, only those students who are members of the respective class, defined as the class they immediately join in their year of entry to Saint Vincent College, shall be eligible to vote.
 2. For members of the Senate representing resident students, only those students who meet residency requirements shall be eligible to vote for their respective residence halls.

Section 2. Candidate Eligibility.

- a. Only those students who satisfy the requirements of Article V, Section 1, subsection a, (above), shall be eligible for elected membership in the Student Government Association or its components.
- b. In any limited eligibility election, only those students who meet the restrictions identified in this constitution shall be eligible to stand as candidates; these restrictions shall include:
 1. For class officers and those members of the Senate elected from the four classes, only those students who are members of the respective class they immediately join in their year of entry to Saint Vincent College shall be eligible to stand for election.
 2. Senators who resign from holding any Senate position are not eligible to run in an election for that office from which he/she resigned during the same academic year as said resignation.
 3. For members of the Executive Board of the Student Government Association, the following specific restrictions shall be applicable:
 - a. For the offices of President and Vice-President, only those students serving in at least their third semester on the Senate are eligible to stand for election.
 - b. For the offices of Treasurer and Secretary, only those students serving in at least their second semester on the Senate are eligible to stand for election.

Section 3. Schedule of Elections.

- a. The Executive Board.
 1. Elections for the members of the Executive Board shall be held no earlier than November 1 and no later than November 30; signs notifying the Student Body shall be posted seven days prior to this election.
- b. Class Officers.
 1. Elections for class officers of the Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes shall be held no earlier than April 1 and no later than April 30; signs notifying the Student Body shall be posted seven days prior to this week.
 2. Elections for class officers of the Freshman class shall be held within the first six weeks of the fall semester.
- c. Other Senators.
 1. Elections for class Senators representing the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes shall be held no earlier than April 1 and no later than

April 30; signs notifying the Student Body shall be posted seven days prior to this election.

2. Elections for members of the Senate representing Bonaventure Hall, Gerard Hall, Wimmer Hall, Aurelius Hall, and Rooney Hall, the Senators-at-Large, and the Senators representing the Commuter population shall be held in the fall semester within the first six weeks.
3. Elections to fill any vacancies created by members of the Senate being elected to the Executive Board in the fall semester shall be held within the first six weeks of the spring semester.
- d. Representatives to the Student Faculty Administration Board.
 1. Elections for the representatives to the Student Faculty Administration Board shall be held within the first six weeks of the semester.
- e. Elections for vacancies within classes will be conducted at the next regularly scheduled election, notwithstanding any other provision contained within this constitution or majority vote of the Senate.

Section 4. Procedure for Election.

- a. All candidates for any elected office in the Student Government Association must submit a petition stating the office for which they are a candidate and having the signatures of twenty students eligible to vote for the specified office; these petitions must be submitted to the Executive President or a designated representative prior to the election.
- b. The Executive Secretary shall publish all elections at least seven days prior to the election.
- c. The Executive Secretary shall publish all election results within twenty-four hours of the end of balloting.
- d. All elections for members of the Executive Board and class officers shall require a simple majority of votes cast for election; where no single candidate receives more than fifty percent of the votes cast, a run-off election shall be held between the top two candidates; such an election shall be held within three calendar days of the initial balloting.
- e. All elections for Senators, for members for the Student Faculty Administration Board, or any other office of the Student Government Association shall require a plurality of votes for election; a run-off election shall occur only in the case of a tie.

Section 5. Exclusionary Offices.

The following offices for the Student Government Association shall render the holder ineligible for all other offices within the Executive Board or Senate:

- a. All offices of the Executive Board.
- b. All seats of the Senate.
- c. All elected representation to the Student Faculty Administration Board.
- d. Chairperson and Team Leaders of the Activities Programming Board.

Section 6. Exceptions

Any exceptions to the preceding sections of Article V regarding voter eligibility or candidate eligibility shall be made by unanimous agreement of the Executive Board of the

Student Government Association providing that the letter and the spirit of this constitution is not violated.

ARTICLE VI

DEPARTMENTS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1. Financial Advisory Board

- a. The Financial Advisory Board shall be a permanent department of the Student Government Association.
- b. The membership of the Financial Advisory Board shall be:
 1. The Executive Treasurer of the Student Government Association shall be the co-chair of the Financial Advisory Board.
 2. The Executive President of the Student Government Association shall be an ex officio member of the Financial Advisory Board.
 3. The four Class Treasurers of the Senate.
 4. A Senate member shall be appointed co-chair of the Financial Department by the Executive Board President with the advice and consent of the Senate.
 5. The immediate past Executive Treasurer and Executive President of the Student Government Association shall be emeritus members of the Financial Advisory Board during the spring semester.
- c. The Financial Advisory Board shall have the responsibility of:
 1. Receiving all requests from Student Organizations (as defined in Article XI) for the allocation of Student Government funds and act upon those requests, which fund activities that benefit a significant number of the Saint Vincent College Students.
 2. Rejecting any request for allocation of Student Government Association funds. If rejection any request of a recognized Student Organization, the Financial Advisory Board shall:
 - A. Disclose reasons why any request for allocation of Student Government Association funds has been rejected. This shall be done in writing for each item on a submitted budget.
 - B. This shall be done within four weeks from the date the budgets are due, as not to impair the usage of such funds or the ability of the recognized Student Organization to run according to its constitution.
 3. Approving requests of less than five hundred dollars.
 4. Recommending to the Senate the allocation of a sum in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00); the allocation shall require a roll call vote of the Senate with a simple majority required for approval.
 5. Reviewing the books of any Student Organization asking for money from the Student Government Association.
 6. Allocating money to Student Organizations for the planning and execution of student events.
 7. Creating and maintaining a budget for the Student Government Association to be voted on by the full Senate at the beginning of each semester.

Section 2. The Activities Programming Board.

- a. The Activities Programming Board shall be a permanent body of the Student Government Association
- b. The membership of the Activities Programming Board.
 1. The Executive President of the Student Government Association shall be an ex officio member of the Activities Programming Board.
 2. The Executive Vice-President of the Student Government Association shall oversee the Activities Programming Board.
 3. The Senate shall appoint a Chairperson of the Activities Programming Board after candidates are interviewed by a panel including the Director of Campus Life and the Vice-President of the Executive Board. The Executive Board may expand this panel.
 4. The Senate shall approve Team Leaders to operate within the Programming Board after those candidates are interviewed by a panel including and appointed by the Executive Board Vice-President, Activities Programming Board Chairperson and the Director of Campus Life.
 5. The Programming Board shall also consist of volunteer membership of any student of Saint Vincent College. Selection may be subject to an application process and eligibility as outlined in the Programming Board Charter.
- c. The Activities Programming Board shall have the responsibility of:
 1. Creating and reviewing the activities calendar for the following semester with the advice of the Director of Campus Life and the Executive Board Vice-President to be brought before the Senate for approval.
 2. Supervising student events within the Student Government Association as appropriated by the Senate.
 3. Operating under a charter which must be adopted by the Senate and which may be changed by majority vote of the Executive Board of the Student Government in consultation with the Activities Programming Board. The Charter must be approved within the first two weeks of the Senate's convening for a given semester.

Section 3. Standing Committees of the Senate.

- a. Standing committees of the Senate shall be permanent organizational units of the Senate of the Student Government Association.
- b. The Executive Board shall establish, at the beginning of each semester, committees to focus on specific policy areas of the College.
 1. The committees will consist of all voting members of the Senate.
 2. Chairpersons for standing committees shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
- c. The Committees must include but are not limited to a Student Affairs Committee, an Academic Affairs Committee, an Information Services Committee, an FMO/Public Safety Committee, a Public Relations Committee and the Financial Advisory Board.
- d. The Student Affairs Committee shall have jurisdiction over matters brought before it with regard to any matter related to the Office of Student Affairs and additional issues as designated by the Executive Board.

- e. The Academic Affairs Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters relating to the Academic Affairs Office of the College.
- f. The Information Services Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters which relate to the responsibilities of the Information Services Office of the College.
- g. The FMO/Public Safety Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters which relate to the operation of the Facilities Maintenance Office and the Public Safety Office, concurrently.
- h. The Public Relations Committee shall direct, control and maintain all mediums of official communication at the direction of the SGA Executive Board Secretary.
- i. The Financial Advisory Board shall pursue its responsibilities as outlined by Article VI, Section 1. They may from time to time, at the discretion of the Executive Board Treasurer, be asked to design and perform statistical surveys of the student population.

Section 4. Other Committees of the Student Government Association.

- a. Other committees may be established by the Executive Board with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- b. Any committee thus established may be eliminated, changed, or redefined by the normal legislative procedures of the Student Government Association.

ARTICLE VII

PROCEDURE

Section 1. Procedures for Senate meetings.

- a. The Executive President shall have the authority to run the meetings in any way that he/she deems fit as long as the following procedures are incorporated into the meeting:
 - 1. Meeting called to order
 - 2. Prayer
 - 3. Roll call
 - 4. Approval of minutes
 - 5. Treasurer's report
 - 6. Vice-President's report
 - 7. Secretary's report
 - 8. President's report
 - 9. Agenda topics
 - 10. Meeting dismissal
- b. These procedures are expected to take place at every meeting; however, they are not limited to those listed above. For any discrepancy in reference to meeting conduct or procedures, Robert's Rules of Order shall be consulted in addition to the Faculty Advisor(s).

Section 2. If at any time an addition to Senate legislation is needed, an act may be passed by a majority vote of the full membership of the Senate. Each act must be recorded and distributed to all Senate members.

ARTICLE VIII

IMPEACHMENT AND RECALL

Section 1. Removal of an Executive Board member from office.

Any member of the Executive Board shall be removed from office by the following procedure:

- a. A simple majority vote of the entire membership of the Senate shall initiate removal proceedings.
- b. A two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Senate shall find that sufficient grounds exist for it to constitute itself as a Committee of the Whole to investigate the charges on which the removal is based.
- c. A three-fourths (seventy-five percent) vote of the membership of the Senate of the Student Government Association in favor of removal from office is required.
- d. A special council, of a size and composition determined by the Faculty Advisor(s), shall hear the arguments of the Executive Board member and representatives of the Senate of the Student Government Association.
- e. Impeachment disqualifies any member of the Executive Board, the Senate, or the Activities Programming Board from holding any future elected/appointed positions within SGA for the rest of his/her term at Saint Vincent College.

Section 2. Removal of a Senator from office

- a. A Senator shall be encouraged to resign by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board for the following reasons:
 1. Missing three Senate meetings in one semester without a valid reason.
 2. Missing three committee meetings in one semester without a valid reason.
 3. Missing three events that he/she was previously obligated to attend in one semester without a valid reason.
 4. Missing a combined total of three office hours or class meetings in one semester.
 5. A respective chairperson must overlook an absence once a legitimate excuse has been provided.
- b. Any Senator may be removed from office by the following procedure:
 1. A simple majority vote of the entire membership of the Senate shall initiate removal proceedings.
 2. A two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Senate shall find that sufficient grounds exist to constitute itself as a Committee of the Whole to investigate the charges on which the removal is based.
 3. A three-fourths (seventy-five percent) vote of the membership of the Senate in favor of removal from office is required.

- 4. A special council, of a size and composition determined by the Faculty Advisor(s), shall hear the arguments of the Executive Board member and representatives of the Senate.
- c. Impeachment disqualifies any member of the Executive Board, the Senate, or the Activities Programming Board from holding any future elected/appointed positions within SGA for the rest of his/her term at Saint Vincent College.

Section 3. Any member of the Activities Programming Board may be removed by the provisions as outlined in the Activities Programming Board Charter, notwithstanding the following.

- a. The Chairperson may be removed from office by the impeachment procedure as outlined in Section 2, b (Removal of a Senator from office).
- b. Team Leaders may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Executive Board on consultation with the Chairperson of the Activities Programming Board, which may be appealed to the full Senate for a majority vote.

ARTICLE IX

SUCCESSION

Section 1. Succession of the Executive Board.

- a. The President: Should the President, for any reason, be unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the office, the Vice-President shall directly succeed to the Office of President.
- b. The Vice-President: Should the office of Vice-President become vacant for any reason, a special election shall be held to fill the Office of Vice-President.
- c. The Treasurer.
 - 1. Should the office of Treasurer become vacant for any reason after the elected Treasurer has actually taken office, no new election shall be held.
 - 2. The Executive Board President shall appoint, with the advice and consent to the Senate expressed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, an Acting-Treasurer who shall assume the responsibilities of the Treasurer, including co-chairing the Financial Advisory Board.
- c. The Secretary.
 - 1. Should the office of the Secretary become vacant for any reason after the elected Secretary has actually taken office, no new election shall be held.
 - 2. The Executive Board President shall appoint from the Senate, and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an Acting-Secretary who shall assume the responsibilities of the Secretary.

Section 2. The Senate

- a. Should the office of any Class President become vacant for any reason after the elected President has actually taken office, the Class Vice-President shall directly succeed to the office of Class President.
- b. Should the office of Class Vice-President become vacant for any reason, a special election will be held to fill that office.

- c. Should the office of either Class Treasurer or Class Secretary become vacant for any reason after the elected treasurer or secretary has actually taken office, no new election shall be held. The Class President shall, with the advice and consent of that class's representatives on the Senate, appoint a member of the Senate to actively fill that position. This appointment remains in effect until the next scheduled election for the filled position(s).
- d. No special election will be held for any other Senator position left vacant for any reason, including the result of appointment to a class office. Such vacancies will be simply filled during the next scheduled election.

Section 3. Activities Programming Board

- a. The Activities Programming Board shall fill vacancies according to their Charter, which is approved by the Senate.
- b. Vacancies for the positions of Chairperson and Team Leader are subject to approval by the normal legislative procedures of the Senate as outlined in Article VI, Section 2 (The Activities Programming Board).

ARTICLE X

RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENT

Section 1. This Constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a three-fourths majority (seventy-five percent) of the full membership of the Senate of the Student Government Association by a roll call vote.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended prior to ratification by a three-fourths majority (seventy-five percent) of the full membership of the Senate of the Student Government Association by a roll call vote.

Section 3. This Constitution may be amended after ratification by the following procedure:

- a. A three-fourths majority (seventy-five percent) of the full membership of the Senate of the Student Government Association by a roll call vote shall first approve the amendment.
- b. The Secretary of the Student Government Association will publish the approved amendment and notice of a campus-wide ballot on the amendment.
- c. Passage of the Amendment shall require a simple majority of the votes cast.
- d. If the amendment fails to receive the required number of votes in either the Senate or the campus-wide ratification ballot, the amendment may not be reintroduced in the same academic year.
- e. Amendments properly ratified shall go into effect immediately unless a specific effective date is stipulated in the actual amendment.

Section 4. In the event that this constitution needs to be revised in its entirety, a committee may be formed by a three-fourths majority vote of the Senate.

ARTICLE XI

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS OF SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

- Section 1. The Financial Advisory Board of the Student Government Association shall have jurisdiction in all matters regarding both existing and prospective student organizations which request funding from the Student Government Association..
- Section 2. Requirements for recognition as a Student Organization of Saint Vincent College.
- a. Any group seeking recognition from the Student Government Association must have a minimum of fifteen individuals interested in forming the group before the recognition procedure can begin.
 - b. The Financial Advisory Board shall seek the advice of the Director of Campus Life before the Financial Advisory Board initially recognizes the club.
 - c. The prospective group must not duplicate the function of any other association, club, organization, society or group of Saint Vincent College under the jurisdiction of either the FAB, athletic department, or other officiate body of the College.
 - d. The prospective organization must represent Saint Vincent College in intercollegiate competition. The nature of that competition may be academic or athletic.
 - e. The prospective organization must submit a constitution to the Student Government Association, outlining and stating the following:
 1. The name and purpose of the organization,
 2. The positions and responsibilities of officers (i.e., Advisor, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer);
 3. The procedure of elections of officers (i.e., when elections are held, the type of vote, eligibility of candidates, and nomination procedure);
 4. The procedure used to amend the constitution;
 5. The procedure used to fill elected officers' positions in the case of premature removal from office (i.e., impeachment, resignation);
 6. The process used in selection of members;
 7. An acceptance clause stating that all members assume personal financial responsibility for damage caused by the members of that group to any space or equipment belonging to Saint Vincent College or to any other education institution or off-campus facility.
- Section 3. Requirements for allocation of Student Government Association funds to Student Organizations.
- a. All recognized Student Organizations are eligible for an allocation from the Student Government Association.
 - b. The Student Organization must send a budget to the Executive Board Treasurer each semester, outlining the expected expenses for that semester. The Financial Advisory Board shall then vote whether or not the expenses benefit a significant number of the members of the Student Organizations according to the requirements in Article VI, Section 1, subsection c-1 (Financial Advisory Board).

- c. For the allocation of student funds, the Senate shall adopt a rubric which clearly outlines expectations of the Senate for all Student Organizations' active participation on campus and what general monetary amount they can anticipate in return for said participation.
- d. The Financial Advisory Board shall oversee the application of the rubric to the facts of an Organization's participation.
- e. Decisions of the Financial Advisory Board may be appealed directly to the Senate of the Student Government, who will have the final decision on all matters of funding, for reconsideration by majority vote.

ARTICLE XII

THE OATH

Section 1. Students elected to serve on the Executive Board or Senate of Student Government shall take the following oath of office:

I, (Name), do solemnly swear to uphold and protect the Saint Vincent College Student Government Association Constitution, as well as to fulfill the responsibilities entrusted to me by my fellow students while keeping with Catholic Benedictine values, so help me God.