

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization is the Vietnamese Student Association at Indiana University, hereafter, VSA at IU.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

Our mission is to increase cultural awareness and unity on and off the IU campus. We strive to provide opportunities for Vietnamese as well as non-Vietnamese individuals to experience Vietnamese culture, heritage, and traditions. Through a variety of activities and events, VSA values on building a stronger and more diverse community on IU's campus as well as within the Midwest region.

SECTION ONE:

VSA at IU as a social institution will provide opportunities for events as decided by a simple majority of its Executive Committee, or, in the absence of an executive vote, a two-thirds majority of its popular membership.

SECTION TWO:

VSA at IU as a cultural institution will provide opportunities for enhanced understanding of Vietnamese history, art, religion, music, cuisine, fashion, and dance, as decided by the same voting majorities as expressed in Article II, Section One.

ARTICLE III: The Executive Committee

SECTION ONE:

The Executive Committee consists of the following officers: President, External Vice-President, Internal Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Marketing Chair, and Intern(s).

The Executive Committee may include additional members to be present in the committee as the need dictates.

- Section One, the First:
All officers are selected by a simple majority vote, of all those members present and voting. The Executive Committee has discretionary power to veto elected officers at the elections; however this has to be done unanimously among the Executive Committee and with justifiable reasons.
- Section One, the Second:
All officers serve for a term of one academic year unless there are no other candidates. Each officer may run for re-election to the same post for a total of two terms, or two academic years.
- Section One, the Third:
Office vacancy may be fill by a temporarily designated member of the Vietnamese Student Association, nominated by the Executive Committee. This temporarily designated appointee would serve in the vacant office until an election can be held

for that particular office; the preferable time allotment is two weeks after the relinquishment of office. The Executive Committee can also decide to keep the temporarily designated appointee until the next election, under unanimous voting.

- Section One, the Fourth:

To run for the Presidential position, the candidate must have served at least one full term on the executive board. For instance, if the candidate had not served the past term, but has served the term before that one, he/she is allowed to campaign for President. However, the officers involved with the internship program are unable to run for President.

SECTION TWO:

1. President:

1. Act as the official liaison between organization and the University administration.
2. Supervise overall functioning of organization.
3. Delegate responsibilities to the officers.
4. Administer and manage executive board meetings.
5. His/her decisions, including the power of veto, are subject to over-rule by an otherwise unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

2. External Vice-President: Acts as the President's primary aide-de-camp.

1. Act as liaison between the Union of Vietnamese Student Associations in the Midwest (UVSA-MW), Indiana State Representative, and other VSAs within Indiana.
2. Counts the votes in any Presidential election in which he/she is not currently participating.
3. In the event that the President is unable to continue his/her duties, assumes the role of Acting President for a period of no longer than one-quarter semester, at which time an emergency Presidential election is held. If the VP (I) does not wish to assume this role, refer to Article III, Section One, Part 3.

3. Internal Vice-President: Acts as the President's primary aide-de-camp.

1. Act as liaison between student organizations on campus to maintain strong relations and for collaboration reasons.
2. Oversees the Anh Chi Em (ACE) mentor-mentee program to ensure that it is running smoothly.
3. Execute and delegate responsibilities that comes with hosting a Vietnamese Culture Night (VCN), in the event that it is decided to be done.
4. Counts the votes in any Presidential election in which he/she is not currently participating.
5. In the event that the President is unable to continue his/her duties, assumes the role of Acting President for a period of no longer than one-quarter semester, at which time an emergency Presidential election is held. If the VP (I) does not wish to assume this role, refer to Article III, Section One, Part 3.

4. Treasurer:

1. Keeps current and accurate data on VSA at IU's financial situation. Any of the information regarding VSA's financial situation should be made available for the Executive Committee when requested.
 2. Is responsible for funding proposals to the University.
 3. Collects money at fundraising events, and is in charge of overseeing all other monetary transactions, either in person or by designated proxy.
 4. The ending balance of VSA at IU's account should be at least the same as the beginning balance. If the amount is less, it is to be made up by that year's senior executive board.
5. Secretary:
1. Is in charge of keeping accurate notes at all executive and general VSA at IU meetings. Meeting minutes should be sent within 3 days after the meeting.
 2. Send out emails to general body members of important points throughout the school year.
 3. Disseminates notes of meetings to appropriate personnel(s).
 4. May appoint a proxy record-keeper if unable to attend particular meetings.
6. Marketing Chair:
1. Promote awareness of VSA at IU and its events on and off Indiana University's campus.
 2. Conceptualize and execute marketing ideas and strategies, such as creating posters/flyers.
 3. Utilize social media to attract attention, promote the organization as interactive, and build stronger relationships between VSA at IU and the community.
7. Intern(s):
1. Provide assistance to all positions on the executive board to gain versatile experience.
 2. Improve on personal skill set to utilize in future leadership roles.

Article I. Any new office positions made during the academic year must have the unanimous approval of the current year's Executive Committee. The office will be a part of the Executive Committee until the next election. Office positions other than the main six can be appointed only with the unanimous support of the entire Executive Committee. Any of the new offices can also be terminated at the unanimous discretion of the Executive Committee of the current year.

SECTION THREE:

An Executive Officer may be expelled from office following either an otherwise unanimous vote from the Executive Committee or a simple majority from the Executive Committee and a three-quarter vote from the popular membership. In this case, even in the event of a presidential oust, Article III, Section One, Part 3 takes effect.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

SECTION ONE: Entitlement

VSA at IU is a non-profit, non-politically biased, and secular organization whose purpose is to instill and maintain a spirit of community among our members with any and all racial, sexual, and gender identities at Indiana University. VSA at IU shall strive to promote Vietnamese culture and to encourage understanding to all.

Any person at Indiana University, Bloomington may join the Association by expressing such an interest to the student organization.

SECTION TWO: Dues

Unless amended by a simple majority of the executive committee at the beginning of the semester, membership dues will be to the Treasurer.

ARTICLE V: Amendment Procedure

Any member of VSA at IU can propose an amendment, which requires the following criteria to pass:

1. The signature of any Executive Officer
2. A simple majority vote in the affirmative from the Executive Committee and a three-quarter vote from the popular membership of the same sign.

ARTICLE VI: Ratification

This Constitution will only take effect at that time when the entire Executive Committee has voted in the affirmative for its ratification. At that moment, and onward into perpetuity or until it has been otherwise amended, it will take effect in its entirety.

ARTICLE VII: Statement of University

SECTION ONE: Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

SECTION TWO: Anti-Hazing Policy

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

SECTION THREE: Personal Gain Clause

Last Edit

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.