

**Constitution of the Union of  
Vietnamese Student  
Associations of the Gulf Coast  
Region**



**GULF COAST**  
UNION OF VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

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# **PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the Union of Vietnamese Student Associations of the Gulf Coast, acting as representatives of our organization, in order to establish an organization that embodies our common principles and aspirations, do hereby espouse this Constitution.

## **Article I - Establishment**

### **Section I - Name**

The organization shall be recognized as the Union of Vietnamese Student Associations of the Gulf Coast; hereinafter referred to as UVSA Gulf Coast. In Vietnamese Translation, UVSA Gulf Coast shall be referred to as Tổng Hội Sinh Viên Việt Nam Miền Vùng Vịnh Gulf Coast.

### **Section II - Founded**

The Union of Vietnamese Student Associations of the Gulf Coast was founded on the first of April 2014.

### **Section III - Mission Statement**

The Union of Vietnamese Student Associations of the Gulf Coast, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, community-based organization, was founded in 2014 as a means for Vietnamese youth organizations from across the Gulf Coast United States to network with one another, share common resources, and collaborate on philanthropy projects. UVSA Gulf Coast is committed to empowering emerging youth leaders within the Vietnamese community in the Gulf Coast United States. Also it shall maintain and promote the Vietnamese culture. Servicing the Vietnamese-American community in the Gulf Coast region, UVSA Gulf Coast works as an umbrella organization and collaborates with individual student associations and other related Vietnamese community-related organizations to conduct events and projects.

## **Article II - Constitution**

This Constitution will be made accessible to all of the UVSA Gulf Coast officers and members upon request. Amendments to the Constitution may be made by following the rules in Article XII. The Constitution MUST be reviewed annually and updated by all officers and intercollegiate representatives as needed. UVSA Gulf Coast has always been considered, as and shall continue to be known as, an independent and non-profit entity that operates as a constitutional republic.

# **Article III - Membership**

## **Section I - School Eligibility**

Functional and active Vietnamese interest organizations or Vietnamese Student Associations and its variants must be a registered and recognized organization by their respective college or university located in the Gulf Coast Region, which is currently defined by Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

## **Section II - School Membership**

- In order to become a member organization of UVSA Gulf Coast, organizations must apply for membership.
- School members will be selected and voted in by the Executive Board. Invited school members can formally accept or decline the invitation.
- Functional and active Vietnamese interest organizations or Vietnamese Student Associations and its variants that are interested in joining the UVSA Gulf Coast will undergo an observation period that will last for one academic semester. The interested organization must:
  - be able to show and demonstrate support for other organizations affiliated with UVSA Gulf Coast by participating in an organization's event or offer assistance, or
  - host 3 general events of its own or as collaboration with UVSA Gulf Coast
- After the observation period, the Executive Board will discuss and vote on whether the organization will become a part of the UVSA Gulf Coast.
- School members reserve the right to withdraw from UVSA Gulf Coast at any time.

## **Section III - School Membership Rights**

- Members shall reserve the right to see all minutes concerning the Executive Board meeting agenda and the treasury.
- Members retain the right to voice his or her opinions, concerns, proposals, or complaints to any UVSA Gulf Coast Executive Board Officer.
- Members may propose amendments to the Constitution by following the rules in Article XII.
- A member who is not satisfied with a particular decision made by the Executive Board may propose an alternative to the solution and summon for a vote at a general meeting.
- A member who is not satisfied with the integrity or capability of an Executive Board member may put a motion of "No-Confidence" on that person described in Article X, Section II.
- Member schools have voting privileges for the Executive Board and Council of Regional Representatives elections.

## **Section IV - Contributions and Expectations**

- Every member and member organization has the duty to actively contribute to the goals and activities of UVSA Gulf Coast.
- UVSA Gulf Coast reserves the right to place a member on probation if they determine that member school is not fulfilling its duties and responsibilities.
- The terms and length of this probation period is determined by the Executive Board.
- Once the probation period is over, the Executive Board will vote and decide if the member school will continue to be a part of UVSA Gulf Coast or removed. The decision will be based on a two-thirds (2/3) majority ruling.

## **Article IV - Offices**

There shall be four different offices in UVSA Gulf Coast:

1. Board of Advisors
2. Executive Board
3. Intercollegiate Council
4. The Cabinet

### **Section I - Definition of a Term**

Yearly terms will be defined by as one calendar year starting from the end of the academic spring semester in May.

### **Section II - Board of Advisors**

The Board of Advisors will be composed of 1 to 5 members, consisting of former UVSA Gulf Coast Executive Board members, UVSA Gulf Coast supporters, which include former members, and distinguished leaders in the Vietnamese community. Board of Advisors are appointed by the Executive Board.

### **Section III - Executive Board**

The Executive Board consists of:

- President
- Internal Vice President
- External Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

### **Section IV - Intercollegiate Council**

The Intercollegiate Council (ICC) shall consist of the student representatives from the affiliate members of UVSA Gulf Coast.

### **Section V - The Cabinet**

The Cabinet will consist of interested individuals in contributing to the development and vision of UVSA Gulf Coast. They may assist by actively contributing to the discussion and planning process of projects and events, and the logistic operations of the events.

## **Article V - Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities**

### **Section I - Board of Advisors**

The Board of Advisors is responsible for the following:

- Providing ongoing support and guidance for the Executive Board.
- Enhancing the organization's public image.
- Clarifying, interpreting, and explaining bylaws.
- Serving as court of appeals.
- Assessing the organization's performance.
- Provide adequate supervision of the Executive Board.

The Board of Advisors shall be instated by a three-fourth (3/4) combined vote by the current Executive Board.

The Board of Advisors shall serve as two-year terms and run concurrently with the Executive Board.

Terms of Advisors can be renewed each term, unlimitedly.

### **Section II - Executive Board**

The Executive Board provides governance to the organization and represents the organization in the community. Executive Board officers shall hold their positions for two (2) years. All Executive Board office positions cannot be occupied or shared by more than one (1) individual. Executive Board officers may not hold a position on a Vietnamese Student Association or its variants during this time. All officers must attend all general meetings, unless they give a 48-hour notice prior to their absence to both the President and the Internal Vice President. All officers must attend all UVSA Gulf Coast events, unless they give a 2-week notice. However, officers must continue to contribute to the planning and execution of events. The President can send emails or other methods of communication to all Executive Board officers and expect them to respond within 24 hours.

The responsibilities of the Executive Board are:

- Provide advice and guidance to the ICC and the performance of its duties.
- Attend ICC meetings in the performance of its duty to advise and guide the ICC.
- Ensure that UVSA complies with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Represent UVSA to the community.
- Build and maintain UVSA Gulf Coast's relationship to the community.
- Maintain and keep all UVSA Gulf Coast records in an organized and accessible manner.

President

- Ensure that the organization operates in conformity with the principles set forth in this Constitution.
- Ensure the effective action of the board in governing and supporting the organization, and oversee board affairs. Act as the representative of the board as a whole.
- Speak to the media, public, and the community on behalf of the organization.
- Recommend committees to be established. Ensure that each committee has a chairperson, and maintain communication with the chairperson to ensure that their work is executed.
- Ensure that board matters are handled properly, including preparation of meeting materials, functionality of committees, and the recruitment and orientation of new Board of Advisor members.
- Presides over general meetings and officer meetings.
- Prepare the agenda for every executive board meeting.
- Revises the Supplementary to the Constitution by September 31st of each year. It should reflect the needs and goals of the new year.
- Delegate responsibilities. Set goals for the officers and organization. Give input when necessary. Lead the organization with a vision.
- Co-sign with the Treasurer on all financial statements for UVSA.
- Co-sign with the Internal Vice President on all contractual agreements pertaining UVSA.

Internal Vice President

- Second in command of the organization, and shall act as President if the President is absent.
- Keep the Executive Board informed of all affiliated VSA activities.
- Manage all intra-organizational issues and operations of the Executive Board.
- Shall oversee the activities of, and serve as the principal point of contact for, the ICC Chair(s) in maintaining communication between the Executive Board and the ICC.
- Shall replace the President when the President fails to fulfill his or her duties.
- Shall assist the President on the above or other specified duties.

External Vice President

- Third in command of the organization, and shall act as President in the absence of the President and Internal Vice President.
- Act in support of the President in representing UVSA to the community.
- Act as the official liaison of the organization to the community.
- Keep the Executive Board informed of all matters affecting UVSA, its affiliated organizations, UNAVSA (Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations), and the local Vietnamese community.
- Oversee community service projects.
- Maintain follow-ups with individual VSAs affiliated in our organization, primarily with respective Presidents.
- Help colleges and universities that are trying to upstart their own Vietnamese Student Association or similar affiliate.
- Outreach to new VSAs that may be interested in joining UVSA Gulf Coast.
- Outreach to other Vietnamese interest organizations that may be interested in collaborating with UVSA Gulf Coast for different projects.
- Act as the representative to UNAVSA for the Gulf Coast region, along with the Gulf Coast Regional Representative.
- Shall act as the main point of contact between Executive Board and the Gulf Coast Regional Representative.
- Maintains relations with UNAVSA Executive Board as well as other regions in North America.
- Shall assist the President on the above or other specified duties.

#### Treasurer

- Fourth in command of the organization, and shall act as President in the absence of the President, Internal Vice President, and External Vice President.
- Produce an annual budget in conjunction with the ICC, maintain records of all transactions, and monitor all of UVSA Gulf Coast's activities to ensure that UVSA Gulf Coast remains within the budget and fiscally viable.
- Provide advice and counsel to the ICC with regards to any and all matters involving the finances of UVSA.
- Ensure timely processing of financial statements with appropriate governmental bodies.
- Co-sign with the President on all financial statements for UVSA.
- Manage the board's review of and actions relating to its financial responsibilities.
- All funds will be deposited solely to the organization's bank account.
- Must be one of the officers who shall sign checks or drafts of the organization.
- Maintains a statement of income and expenditures to be held accountable at all times to the officers and members upon request.
- Maintains detailed documentations and prudently monitors accrued expenses, bank balances, reserves, and all sources and uses of UVSA Gulf Coast funds.
- Organizes and files all UVSA Gulf Coast documents concerning the treasury.

## Secretary

- Act as the President in the absence of the President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, and Treasurer.
- Keep minutes of all official Executive Board meetings, distribute minutes promptly following each meeting, and provide minutes when necessary.
- Collection and maintain ICC meeting minutes.
- Inform the Executive Board and ICC of any correspondence addressed to them as Secretary of the organization.
- File any certificates required by any statute, federal or state.
- Be the official custodian of the records and seal of this organization.
- Assist UVSA Gulf Coast in all public relations matters.
- Shall maintain and update publicly posted information, including all of the organization's social media accounts.
- Send out emails to the general email list to inform active members about upcoming events and information.

## Section III - Intercollegiate Council

- Intercollegiate Council (ICC) representatives are entirely up to the member VSAs and their respective voting processes. Depending on the specific school's constitution and voting rules, the representatives can serve as the voting power or merely a liaison.
- ICC representatives shall be chosen every year by the electors of their respective organizations.
- The times, places, and manner of holding elections of ICC representatives shall be determined by the members whom they represent.
- Terms for the ICC shall start upon their elections/appointments until the following term
- There shall be no more than one (1) representative for each affiliate..
- Each affiliate is still limited to a single vote in the ICC.
- Act as the liaison and representative of their respective school member. Each school representative serves as the voice of his or her respective student organization.
- Help plan intra-school and intra-region activities and events to provide members the opportunity to network with members of other organizations.
- Disseminating information from UVSA Gulf Coast Executive Board to members within Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi.
- Assessing, monitoring and aiding the needs of the Vietnamese interest organizations within UVSA Gulf Coast.
- When possible, establish new connections with interested Vietnamese interest organizations and relay the contact information to the Executive Board.
- Plan and execute events that promote UVSA Gulf Coast's mission.
- Foster the relationship between affiliate members of UVSA Gulf Coast.
- Take positions on issues that reflect the opinions of the affiliates they represent.

- Responsibly allocate the resources of UVSA to properly fund and support UVSA Gulf Coast's activities, which includes:
  - creating and approving an annual budget in conjunction with the Treasurer
  - adjusting the annual budget as needed to maintain UVSA Gulf Coast's fiscal viability with the Treasurer
- Each member state in UVSA Gulf Coast must elect an ICC Chair to facilitate its efforts for each term. If a state(s) does not have an ICC Chair, then its duties and responsibilities will fall under UVSA Gulf Coast's Internal Vice President.
- The responsibilities of ICC Chair are:
  - set times and agendas for all ICC meetings
  - facilitate communication among ICC representatives
  - serve as the official representative of the ICC
  - Ensure that the ICC and its members perform the duties required of them
  - Maintain ICC's relationship to the Executive Board

#### **Section IV - The Cabinet**

- Officers of The Cabinet serve one (1) year terms. Cabinet terms can be renewed every year by a majority consensus by the Executive Board.
- Officers of The Cabinet may also hold a position on the board of a partnered VSA or variant.
- The Cabinet shall consist of individuals appointed by the Executive Board, and shall serve the entity that appointed them, with the exception of the Regional Representative.
- Each position within The Cabinet, with the exception of the Regional Representative, shall be instated by a 3/4 vote of the Executive Board.
- Terms of The Cabinet shall run concurrently with the Executive Board terms.
- Each Cabinet position will be overseen by a specific Executive Board member.
- Cabinet positions may include, but is not limited to:
  - Social Media Chair
  - Website Director Chair
  - Media Director Chair
  - Community Service Chair

#### **Section V - Gulf Coast Regional Representative**

- Regional Representative is a cabinet-level position.
- The Regional Representative is elected every year by member schools within UVSA Gulf Coast, as outlined in Article VIII.
- Act as the representative to the Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations (UNAVSA) for the Gulf Coast Region. The Gulf Coast Regional Representative will serve on UNAVSA's Council of Regional Representatives (CoRR).

- Serve as a liaison between UNAVSA and UVSA Gulf Coast, with regular reports to the Executive Board on the activities and actions of UNAVSA and the Representative in support of UNAVSA.
- Make decisions and vote on any decisions required for UNAVSA under the best interest.
- Relay information from UNAVSA about current topics and issues that needs to be addressed to UVSA Gulf Coast.
- Assess and monitor the needs of the schools and youth organizations within each region.
- Support UNAVSA operations in the region.
- Will work closely with the Treasurer to keep track of all funds raised for the year's Collective Philanthropy Project (CPP) beneficiary.
- Work with the External Vice President to maintain follow-ups with individual VSAs affiliated in our organization, primarily with respective Presidents.

## **Article VI - Meeting**

Meetings shall be held via conference call or at any time and place designated by the members.

### **Section I - Meeting Agenda**

Meetings shall hold the following order of business:

- Official start time
- Roll Call
- Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting
- Reports of committees
- Reports of officers
- Old and Unfinished business
- New Business and miscellaneous action items
- Topics for next meeting to be discussed
- Adjournment

### **Section II - Voting**

- On the finances, logistics, and daily operations of UVSA Gulf Coast, the outcome shall be decided among the Executive Board members
- Quorum shall be 50 percent, plus one member, of the voting body. Quorum is required to conduct any voting within the Executive Board.

## **Article VII - Financial Matters**

- A budget proposal must be completed for all UVSA Gulf Coast events.
- If a budget is not approved or proposed, UVSA Gulf Coast will not be responsible for reimbursement of any money.

- A Budget proposal must be approved by the Executive Board and signed by both the Treasurer and one other Executive Board officer.

### **Section I - Banking Information and Documentation**

- The President and Treasurer will have access to the bank account, checkbooks, and debit cards associated with UVSA Gulf Coast.
- Upon inauguration of the new board, the former President and Treasurer must accompany the new President and Treasurer to the banking institution to transfer account ownership within the first few weeks.
- The Treasurer will keep a log of all expenses and reimbursements.
  - Once a year, the treasurer will work with the Board of Advisors to review and consolidate all financial activity.
  - In the event of a financial discrepancy, the Board of Advisors will launch an investigation in order to locate any missing funds and allocate them accordingly.

### **Section II - Reimbursements**

- All expenses must be approved by the Treasurer and/or President.
- Receipts must all be accounted for in order to receive full reimbursements.
- In the event where a purchase needs to be made at a last-minute circumstance, the person making the purchase must contact via phone call to both the Treasurer and the President for approval.
  - If only either the Treasurer or President can be reached via phone call, then the approval of one of the officers mentioned will be required.
  - If both the Treasurer and President cannot be reached, then the approval of at least the Internal Vice President, External Vice President, or Secretary will be necessary.
  - In the event that no one on the Executive Board can be reached, UVSA Gulf Coast will not be held accountable for purchases made without their consent.
- After the events, receipts for reimbursements must be submitted to the Treasurer no later than 1 week after the event. UVSA Gulf Coast will not be held accountable for financial reimbursements submitted later.

## **Article VIII - Elections**

### **Section I - Election Committee**

The Election Committee will be headed by the outgoing President. The Election Committee will be composed of 5 members, including the outgoing President. These members will include those from the Board of Advisors, former or current Executive Board members that are not running for an Executive Board position, and former or current ICC representatives that

are not running for an Executive Board position, selected by the outgoing President. The committee members must be established 2 months prior to the end of the term. The Election Committee will not take part in the voting process and will be responsible for all aspects of the election procedures.

## **Section II - Conditions for Candidacy**

### Executive Board

- Candidates may run for the office of President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- Candidates may not be more than 28 years of age at time of election.
- Candidates cannot be less than 20 years of age at time of election.
- Candidates must be approved by the elections committee and three-fifths (3/5) of the current Executive Board.
- Candidates cannot run for more than one position at the same time.

### Regional Representative

- Candidates cannot be less than 20 years of age at time of election
- Candidates must be approved by the elections committee and three-fifths (3/5) of the current Executive Board

## **Section III - Election Procedures**

- Elections for Executive Board positions will occur every other year.
- The order for election of each office position will be as follows: Secretary, Treasurer, External Vice President, Internal Vice President, President.
- For the election of each officer position, the following rules will be applied:
  - the order of the speech will be determined alphabetically by last name, then first name.
  - each candidate shall be given 5 minutes for the speech and 10 minutes (at most) to answer questions from members.
  - a voting form will be released once all candidates have presented.
  - The result of the election will be announced at the end of the process.
  - Former or outgoing Executive Board officers will coordinate and set up a transition meeting or retreat for the incoming Executive Board.
- Cabinet positions, with the exception of the Regional Representative, will be selected by the newly elected Executive Board. In the years where there is no Executive Board election, the current Executive Board will make selections.
- Cabinet positions can be appointed throughout the current Executive Board's term, not limited to the election time period.
- Elections for the Regional Representative will occur every year by September.
- For the election of the Regional Representative, the following rules will be applied:

- each candidate shall be interviewed, either through conference call or in-person, by the Elections Committee.
- interviews may be recorded and have written minutes.

## **Section IV - Voting Procedures**

### Executive Board

- The Election Committee will determine who is eligible to vote in the Executive Board elections.
- The Election Committee will send an official elections packet to all members eligible to vote one week prior to election day. The packet will contain a brief synopsis of all candidates and the positions they intend to run for.
- Eligible members will have one vote for each position.
- Contending candidates running for a position must secure a majority vote.
- In the event of a tie, the current Executive Board members not running for an Executive Board position shall cast the deciding vote, as determined by a majority vote.
- Uncontested candidates who are running uncontested must secure at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- In the event a position on the Executive Board is not filled, the Election Committee will evaluate the situation and consult with the current and new Executive Board. The Election Committee can make the final decision on who will take on the position of the open seats and can overrule the necessary qualifications to run for an Executive Board position.

### Council of Regional Representatives

- Each member school and affiliate within UVSA Gulf Coast is eligible to vote for the Regional Representative.
- The Election Committee will send an official elections packet to all members eligible to vote at least one week prior to election day. The packet will contain a brief synopsis of all candidates and the positions they intend to run for.
- Each member school has one (1) vote, which is determined by each VSA's respective executive boards.
- To be elected as the Regional Representative, candidates must receive an absolute majority of the votes.
  - in cases where no candidate receives an absolute majority, voting must take place again between the two candidates with the two most votes.
  - if, after this second voting process, no candidate or co-candidate receives the absolute majority, then the current Executive Board shall select winning candidate for the Regional Representative based off of a three-fifths (3/5) majority.

- Uncontested candidates who are running uncontested must secure at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- In the event the Regional Representative position is not filled, the Election Committee will evaluate the situation and consult with the current Executive Board. The Election Committee can make the final decision on who will take the Regional Representative position and can overrule the necessary qualifications for Regional Representative.

## **Article IX - Regional Expansion**

If an organization from a non-affiliated UVSA Gulf Coast state is interested in joining the Gulf coast region, the following procedure should take place:

1. The interested organization must fill out a UVSA Gulf Coast membership application.
2. The interested organization(s) must then elect their own ICC representative to join the Intercollegiate Council. The means of election is ultimately decided by said interest organization. However, upon request, UVSA Gulf Coast may provide resources and assistance in order to facilitate the election.
3. The UVSA Gulf Coast Executive Board and newly elected ICC representative must sign the Memorandum of Understanding. To further expand upon, the Memorandum of Understanding serves as a series of promises that both parties will uphold to the best of their abilities to ensure growth and development in both organizations.
4. After the first year of membership, the Executive Board and interested organizations will conduct a yearly review to determine if the interested organization/state is fulfilling the expectations outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding.

## **Article X - Resignation, Impeachment, Replacement**

### **Section I - Resignation**

- Members of the Executive Board can only resign with consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the ICC and three-fifths (3/5) of the Executive Board. In severe situations or circumstances, Executive Board members may resign with consent of more than one-half (1/2) of the Executive Board.
- Any Executive Board, ICC, or Cabinet member who wishes to resign must submit a resignation notice two weeks in advance and finish all ongoing projects.

### **Section II - Impeachment**

- Any member or officers of UVSA Gulf Coast may put in a motion of "No Confidence" on any Executive Board, ICC, or Regional Representative member.

- Any members or officers who put in a motion of “No Confidence” must communicate with any member of the Board of Advisors to first evaluate the circumstance. The Board of Advisors will consult and vote whether the motion of “No Confidence” will continue. If there is a majority decision, then the Board of Advisors will summon a motion of “No Confidence” meeting. The Board of Advisors will address the issue to the officer under consideration of impeachment, and the officer will have one week to prepare a statement of defense. The Board of Advisors will also communicate to all general members about the issue and a meeting will take place on week later.
- The Board of Advisors will talk on behalf of the member to protect the identity of the member. In the meeting, a representative from the Board of Advisors will talk for 5 minutes, addressing the issue that gave rise to the motion of “No Confidence.” The affected officer will be given 5 minutes for a defense statement, followed by a question and answer session.
- To remove any Executive Board, ICC, or Regional Representative officer member from their respective position, a two-thirds (2/3) vote will be required. Those voting shall include members of the Executive Board, ICC, Regional Representative and member school Presidents, excluding the person(s) under impeachment.
- Representatives will be required to submit a vote directly to the representative of the Board of Advisors and the representative of the Board of Advisors will announce immediately whether the officer will be removed from the position or not.
- Cabinet members, with the exception of Regional Representative, may be impeached with a three-fifths (3/5) majority vote from the Executive Board.
- A member of the ICC is considered removed if the affiliate it represents chooses to remove it. The affiliate shall determine its own process for removing its representative from the ICC.

### **Section III - Replacement**

- Appointed members of the Executive Board may be replaced with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the elected members of the Executive Board.
- The affiliate school shall determine its own process for replacing its ICC representative.

## **Article XI - Ratification**

### **Section I - Member Organizations**

- The organizations that must consider ratification of this document are those currently affiliated with UVSA Gulf Coast at the time of its ratification on April 20, 2016.
- These organizations are:
  - Loyola Asian Student Organization (LASO)
  - Mississippi State University Vietnamese Students Association (MSU VSA or Ole Miss VSA)
  - Tulane University Vietnamese Association (TUVA)

- University of Mississippi Vietnamese Student Association (UMVSA)
- University of New Orleans Vietnamese-American Student Association (UNO-VASA)
- University of South Alabama Vietnamese Student Association (USA VSA)
- University of Southern Mississippi Vietnamese Student Association (USM VSA)
- Vietnamese Student Association at Louisiana State University (VSA-LSU)
- Vietnamese Student Organization at University of Louisiana at Lafayette (VSOUL)
- Xavier University of Louisiana Vietnamese Association (XULAVA)

## **Section II - Process**

- Each organization must approve the document by at least seventy-five percent of their officers. This document shall be considered ratified once four (4) of the member organizations approve it.

## **Article XII - Amendments**

Officers of the Executive Board or ICC must officially propose amendments to the Constitution. The proposed amendments must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of both the ICC representatives and the remaining Executive Board as two separate entities.

## **Article XIII - Addendum**

In the event an extreme circumstance is placed onto the UVSA Gulf Coast organization, the Executive Board may place an addendum addition to the UVSA Gulf Coast Constitution. The addendum will grant the UVSA Gulf Coast organization to overrule any specific regulations outlined by the Constitution. The addendum must be unanimously approved by all the Executive Board members and Board of Advisors. The addendum may last for no more than a one-year term. The Executive Board and Board of Advisors will specify the time frame of the addendum.

## **Article XIV - Supplement**

Goals

1. **Laura Siu's Presidency, Goals for Year One (2014-2015)**
  - a. Build an organization which is based on helping the community, leadership development and the union of the three states.
  - b. Bring awareness of the culture.
  - c. Recruit other VSA's in the region. Expand Mississippi and Alabama.
  - d. Create projects that will enhance our organization into reaching our goals.

- e. Provide support to all the other regions and to our own Philanthropy Project.
- 2. Laura Siu's Presidency, Goals for Year Two (2015-2016)**
  - a. Create the foundation of our organization for future generations.
  - b. Obtain a Non-for-Profit status.
  - c. Continue to work with each VSA to make them a strong haven for their new members.
  - d. Keep recruiting VSA's in the region as well as bring cultural awareness.
  - e. Continue to create projects that can make a huge impact on the organization and to promote what the goals of the organization is.
  - f. Keep supporting our collective philanthropy project and other regions.
- 3. Kent Tong's Presidency, Goals for Year One (2016-2017)**
  - a. Fundraise for ourselves more so we can become financially stable and work towards becoming a certified 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
  - b. Host at least one state-wide event per year per state.
  - c. Help strengthen and unite Mississippi and Alabama VSAs.
  - d. Revamp the UVSA Gulf Coast website and actually use it.
  - e. Make UVSA more known to our constituents, become more professional, and have a better social media presence.
  - f. Become more involved in the community.
  - g. Host UNAVSA-14 Leadership conference and use that as momentum to work towards our very own regional conference for the following year.

#### UVSA Gulf Coast Affiliates

- Louisiana State University
- Loyola University New Orleans
- Mississippi State University
- Tulane University
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- University of Mississippi
- University of New Orleans
- University of Southern Mississippi
- University of South Alabama
- Xavier University of Louisiana