The Student Government Association, in collaboration with UVI President, Dr. David Hall, hosted a Student Forum on Wed. 21 Oct. 2009 at the University Dining Pavilion.

The midday event brought together students, Division Deans, professors and administrators to address student concerns.

Among issues discussed at the Student Forum, were employee-student customer service, maintenance of classrooms, class availability, E-textbooks and recognition for Deans list students.

While students asked a variety of questions, many were directed to Housing Supervisor, Sean Georges, who was not on the panel but provided responses to questions asked.

Following a suggestion made by the SGA Executive team, President Hall indicated that Deans list students will be recognized for their academic achievements.

Other members of the panel were Chief of Staff, Dr. Noreen Michael; Vice Provost for Access and Enrollment Services, Dr. Judith Edwin; Special Assistant to the President, Haldane Davie; Chief Information Officer, Tina Koopmans; Vice President for Administration and Finance, Vincent Samuel; Acting Campus Executive Administrator, LilyMae Durante; Bookstore Manager, Mervin Taylor and Acting Security Captain Alfredo Glasford.

The forum was the first of its kind this semester and resulted in a follow-up meeting between President Hall and the SGA Executive team.

It’s Kyza time in 2009!

It is definitely “Kyza time in 2009” as senior Business Management major, Kyza A. Callwood, secured the Mr. Kool title on Sat. 24 Oct. 2009 at the University Dining Pavilion.

Also vying for the title were Junior Accounting major Roger Wattley and Junior Business Administration major Malon Angol. Callwood’s talent and eloquence was closely challenged by Wattley’s toned physique and soothing voice and Angol’s dapper style and creative performance.

In addition to his Mr. Kool victory, Callwood walked away with prizes for all of the appearances—Introductory Speech, Beachwear, Talent and Mr. Kool Wear.
Kyza A. Callwood—Student Rep. on the Board of Trustees

Many may know Kyza A. Callwood as the Student Representative for the Board of Trustees, but his portfolio extends far beyond that. Among his many achievements he often highlights the following: USSA National Business Award Scholar, Who is Who Among American Scholars, student representative for the UVI Board of Trustees, student representative for the University Disciplinary Committee and member of the Golden Key Honor Society.

As the student representative for the Board of Trustees, Callwood is presently taking the charge of implementing a General Education Requirement Taskforce to see the promotion of an intellectual context for the academic civic, and professional lives of students.

In December of this year, Callwood will receive an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management followed by a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management in Spring 2010. He has hopes of pursuing a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling at UVI and a Medical Degree in Psychiatry from Boston Medical University.

As Mr. Kool 2009-2010, he plans to raise money and publicize the Miss UVI Ambassadorial Competition and become an Ambassador for students who possess talent and art.

Renee Wilkinson—SGA Queens Committee Chairperson

24 year old Renee Wilkinson is not your average student—she is the ultimate student.

Wilkinson, who is the chairperson of the SGA Queens Committee is also a member of the St. Kitts-Nevis Association, Deans List and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

With a busy academic and social schedule and a part-time job, Wilkinson still finds time for her 24-7 job—mother of one.

Born on the island of St. Thomas, but raised in Nevis, Wilkinson has always had a passion for pageantry. She was first runner-up in the St. John Prince and Princess Show in 1994, second runner-up in the Culturama Talented Youth Pageant in Nevis and crowned Miss Charlestown Secondary School in 2000.

In May 2010, Wilkinson will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Her goal is to become a Financial Advisor.

Cononia McCarthy—Senior Class President

As President of the Class of 2010 and the Alpha Mu Gamma Foreign Language Honor Society; student representative on the University Academic Standards Committee; senior Senator with the Student Government Association and member of the Golden Key Honor Society and St. Kitts-Nevis Association, Cononia McCarthy is definitely recording his contribution to UVI.

McCarthy is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and an Associate of Arts degree in Management. McCarthy has hopes of becoming a successful businessman in the Finance field then branching off into the field of Politics.

He considers himself a true Caribbean man as he was born in Antigua and raised between St. Kitts and Antigua. Following his studies, McCarthy plans to be a driving force for Caribbean integration through such bodies as Caricom and CSME.
Daryl Rawlins—Senior Senator

24 year old Daryl Rawlins hails from the twin island federation of St. Kitts-Nevis. As a senior Accounting major at UVI, Rawlins attains commendable grades and boasts a cumulative grade point average of 3.75.

Following the annual commencement ceremony in May 2010, Rawlins’s name will be remembered as one of the students who displayed leadership while at UVI. Today, Rawlins represents the student body as a senior Senator with the Student Government Association. He is the Vice President of the Class of 2010 and the past president of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization.

Rawlins was the fourth place impromptu speaker at the FBLA national competition in Chicago and is the recipient of a certificate of completion from the Gateway to Leadership summer internship program.

In addition to being socially and academically engaged, Rawlins’s love for family is evident. He often speaks of being the first person from his maternal line family to receive a degree and eagerly waits for May 2010 when that dream becomes a reality.

Rawlins’s long-term goal is to become an Investment Banker and contribute to the stability of the US Economy.

Anguilla Student Association

The Anguilla Student Association was established in the early 1980s for the purpose of offering support and encouragement to Anguillian students attending UVI.

The association also aims to inform and educate others about the cultural heritage of Anguilla.

Membership is open to students from the island of Anguilla and friends of Anguilla with an interest in supporting the aims and objectives of the association.

Dues: Each member of the association is required to pay dues of $10.00 per semester. Only members who have paid their dues are considered in good standing and are eligible to vote in meetings of the association.

The Executive body comprises of President Conisha Gumbs, Vice President Ashena DeSouza, Treasurer Carina Richardson, Secretary Tinika Christopher, Public Relations Officer Leah Hughes and Sergeant of Arms Kafi Gumbs.

St. Kitts-Nevis Association

Under the Presidency of St. Clair “Penny” Hodge, the St. Kitts-Nevis Association of the University of the Virgin Islands is one of the leading student organizations on UVI’s St. Thomas campus.

The organization, which is primarily geared towards fostering unity among Kittitians and Nevisians attending UVI, is steadily increasing in membership size every semester.

In addition to social activities, the St. Kitts-Nevis Association participates in beach clean-up activities, worships with a variety of churches and visits to the Senior Citizens home.

The association has established a relationship with the Nevis Benevolent Society and nationals of St. Kitts-Nevis now residing on St. Thomas, including Director of the Eastern Caribbean Center, Dr. Frank Mills.

In September of this year, the association celebrated its federation’s Independence with an information booth and SKN lunch menu in the University Dining Pavilion.
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Monday 2 November 2009—Liberty Day Holiday (no school)
Thursday 5 November 2009—English Proficiency Exam
Friday 6 November 2009—Dominica Ass. Independence Celebration
Friday 6 November 2009—CAB TP Friday
Wednesday 11 November 2009—Veteran’s Day Holiday (no school)
Wednesday 11 November 2009—Virgin Gorda Trip

SGA Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day

Friday 30 October 2009 was dubbed Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day by the Student Government Association (SGA).

The day gave students an opportunity to show their appreciation to members of Faculty and Staff at UVI.

Although the day was meant to be celebrated informally, a ceremony was held at the Dining Pavilion for persons who wished to make their presentations publicly.

Among those awarded were Associate Campus Administrator, Dr. Doris Battiste; Student Housing Supervisor, Sean Georges; SGA Advisor and Student Activities Coordinator, Junie Violenes; St. Kitts-Nevis Association Advisor, Dr. Frank Mills and SGA Vice President, St. Clair Hodge.

SGA hopes that Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day will be an annual celebration.