

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN  
ISLANDS  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES**

**Online Degree—Strategic Communication**

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**WHEREAS**, the strategic plan of the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI), Pathways to Greatness, approved by the Board of Trustees in June 2012 with input from faculty, staff and students required the institution to develop and offer online degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Presidential Goals for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 required the President to ensure that the University develop and implement online degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Provost has provided the faculty with numerous opportunities to be trained in the development and delivery of online courses; and

**WHEREAS**, the faculty has developed distance education policies providing guidance for the offering of and quality control of distance education courses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees approved an agreement between the University and Level Playing Field (LPF) for the development, support and consultation in regards to UVI's online degrees initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Middle States Commission for Higher Education approved UVI's request to offer online degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements has admitted UVI as a member, thus entitling the University to offer online degrees in 48 States and the District of Columbia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has previously approved fifteen online degrees to be launched as part of the UVI Online initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Communication Program of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), the Curriculum Committee of CLASS, and the faculty of CLASS have approved the Bachelor degree in Interdisciplinary Studies -- Strategic Communications based on the LPF framework; and

**WHEREAS**, the UVI degree of Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies – Strategic Communication is appropriate for the UVI program framework;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD:**

That the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands hereby approves and authorizes the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies – Strategic Communication to be offered as part of the UVI Online program.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution approved by the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands at a meeting on Saturday, March 3, 2018, as recorded in the minutes of that meeting.



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Secretary of the Board

March 3, 2018

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Date