THE ELECTIONS CODE

OF THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Section 1: Purpose. This Elections Code is enacted for the purpose of providing fair and equal opportunities for all IUSA members to hold and run for office and to provide fair and equal opportunities for all IUSA members to participate in the electoral process.

Section 2: Effective Date and Authority. This Elections Code shall become effective once passed by Congress and shall remain in effect until repealed or superseded by further legislation. This Elections Code shall be the final regulatory authority for any and all elections or campaigning activities within the jurisdiction of IUSA and shall supersede any and all previously enacted legislation.

TITLE I: The Elections Commission

Section 101: Appointment of the Election Coordinator and Commissioners. The Election Coordinator, by September 30 of each year, shall be appointed by the Student Body President and approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Congress present and voting. The Election Commissioners, by November 31 of each year, shall be appointed by the President and approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the congress present and voting. The Elections Commission shall consist of six (6) individuals, including the Elections Coordinator.

Section 102: Terms of Office. The Election Coordinator and Election Commissioners shall serve once appointed until two (2) weeks after certification of the IUSA Election results or until properly removed or resigned from office.

Section 103: Responsibilities of the Election Coordinator. The Election Coordinator shall:

1. Oversee the annual election of the IUSA Funding Board representatives;
2. Coordinate the election related activities of the individual Election Commissioners and supervise their conduct;
3. Execute the decisions of the Election Commission;
4. Report to Congress at each of its meetings;
5. Make a sample ballot available for review by all candidates, and notify all candidates that the sample ballot is available for review;
6. Personally direct the tabulation of all ballots, and preserve the results of the tabulation until the new IUSA officers are sworn into office;
7. Act as a voting member and the Chair of the Elections Commission; and

Section 104: Responsibilities of the Elections Commission. The Elections Commission shall:

1. Organize, plan, and publicize all IUSA Elections and referendums, by following the time line in Section 201;
2. Begin publicity of all events stated in the time line in Section 201 no later than two (2) weeks prior to the event;
3. Act to enforce all rules and regulations contained within this Code;
4. Communicate reviewed cases of alleged violations by candidates of this Code to the Supreme Court;
5. Act as the overseeing body of all referendum procedures;
6. Issue advisory opinions to any individual or body requesting interpretation of this Code;
7. Verify that all candidates meet the requirements for candidacy, and notify each candidate in writing of his or her candidacy status within five (5) class days after receipt of the application;
8. Request from the IUSA Supreme Court certification of the IUSA Election;
9. Hear all properly filed complaints; and,

Section 105: Removal of the Elections Coordinator or an Elections Commissioner.

1. Any IUSA member shall have the ability to petition Congress for removal of the Elections Coordinator or any Elections Commissioner. Once this petition has been submitted, Congress shall have the authority to remove the Elections Coordinator or Commissioner with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting. Further, the President, in his or her discretion, shall have the authority to suspend the Elections Coordinator or a Commissioner from the point that the petition is submitted until the point that Congress determines whether or not the removal is appropriate.
2. It shall be grounds for dismissal from the Elections Commission if the Elections Coordinator or a Commissioner works, speaks, or performs publicly or privately for or against any candidate or referendum. It shall further be grounds for dismissal if the Elections Coordinator or a Commissioner fails to perform the responsibilities stated in Section 103 or 104.
3. Once appointed to the Elections Commission, the Elections Coordinator and Elections Commissioners shall not be eligible to run for elected office for the election cycle for which they have been appointed.

Section 106: Filling a vacancy on the Elections Commission. If the Elections Coordinator or any Elections Commissioner leaves office for any reason, the President shall appoint a replacement, with approval of two-thirds (2/3) of Congress present and voting. This appointment shall be made at the next regularly scheduled Congress meeting. If no Congress meeting is scheduled between the time of the vacancy and the IUSA election, the President shall call an emergency Congress meeting to appoint the replacement.

Title II: Candidate Time Line

Section 201: Candidate Time line. Each of the events in the following time line must occur in each election cycle.

1. **Call-Out.** There shall be one campus-wide call-out for the IUSA Election to occur sometime during the second week of the spring semester. This call-out shall serve as a general introduction to the IUSA Election, including a time line of events for the IUSA Election. It shall also give all who are interested in becoming candidates an opportunity to ask questions about the IUSA Elections.
2. **Applications.** Applications shall be made available to the Student Body no later than one (1) week after the call-out and shall be submitted to the Elections Commission no later than two (2) weeks after the call-out.
3. **All-Candidate meeting.** There shall be at least one All-Candidate meeting, and the first shall be held on either the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of the week after the applications are due. Attendance at the first All-Candidate meeting is mandatory, but the Elections Commission has the authority to excuse an absence only if the candidate has given the Elections Commission notice prior to the All-Candidate meeting that he or she cannot attend the meeting. A proxy, as appointed by the absent candidate(s), must attend the meeting in place of the candidate(s) whose absence is excused. One person can serve as a proxy for more than one candidate. If a candidate has not received an excused absence from the Elections Commission and does not attend the All-Candidate meeting, that candidate shall be disqualified as a candidate. Attendance for all other All-Candidate meetings shall be optional.
4. **Debate.** A debate shall occur during the campaigning period. All groups of executive candidates shall be given the opportunity to participate in the debate.
5. **Proof of residency and proof of academic eligibility.** Candidates shall provide proof of residency or proof of academic eligibility in accordance with Sections 303 and 304 to the Elections Commission no later than the date which candidate applications are due.
6. **Withdrawal of name from ballot.** Candidates wishing to withdraw their names from the ballot must request a withdrawal, in writing, from the Elections Commission by 5:00 p.m. seven (7) calendar days before the IUSA Election begins.
7. **Review of ballot.** Each candidate shall have the opportunity to review the official ballot no later than five (5) calendar days prior to the beginning of the IUSA Elections, and shall have no less than twenty-four (24) hours to approve of his or her name on the ballot.
8. **IUSA Elections.** The IUSA Election shall be held in the Spring Semester, on the Tuesday and Wednesday two weeks after the All-Candidate Meeting.

Title III: Candidate Eligibility Requirements

Section 301: General Eligibility. To be properly filed, a candidate must submit to the Student Activities Office, prior to the deadline set by the Elections Commission, a signed application which lists the IUSA office sought. The candidate will be listed on the ballot

by his or her first and last name. If the candidate wishes to be listed by any other name, he or she must request the use of a particular name on this application. The Elections Commission shall have the authority to accept or reject the candidate's request.

Section 302: Receipt of Application. Once the application is properly filed, the candidate shall be given a receipt that notes the date and time that the application was filed. Any application filed after the deadline shall not be accepted.

Section 303: Residency Eligibility. Candidates for Student Senator seats must live in the district for which they are running during the fall and spring semesters immediately following the election. A Candidate must provide proof that they will meet the residency requirement or swear in writing that they will meet the requirement no later than the date which candidate applications are due. Candidates who do not provide this proof or written statement shall be disqualified and their names shall be removed from the ballot. A modification of the ballot for this reason shall not serve as justification for an additional review of the ballot by all candidates.

Section 304: Academic Eligibility. Candidates for Student Representative seats must be a member of the school whose students they shall represent during the fall and spring semesters immediately following the election. A Candidate must provide proof that they will meet the academic eligibility requirement or swear in writing that they will meet the requirement no later than the date which candidate applications are due. Candidates who do not provide this proof or written statement shall be disqualified and their names shall be removed from the ballot. A modification of the ballot for this reason shall not serve as justification for an additional review of the ballot by all candidates.

Section 305: Congressional Seats. Congressional seats shall be allocated as directed in the IUSA Constitution and by-laws.

Section 306: Enrollment Requirements. All candidates must be IUSA members, and if elected, must remain IUSA members for the duration of their term in office. IUSA members are defined as all students who are enrolled in Indiana University at the Bloomington Campus.

Section 307: Academic Requirement. No candidate may be on academic probation and run for an IUSA office.

Section 308: Candidacy for more than one office. No person shall simultaneously be a candidate for more than one elected position in IUSA.

Section 309: Running mates. The President, Congressional Secretary, Vice President, and Treasurer shall be running mates. These candidates must run as a group, where each candidate for the above executive offices has stated an affiliation with a candidate for each of the other three executive offices.

Section 310: Tickets defined. An executive ticket shall be defined as any group of executive running mates plus at least one (1) congressional candidate. A congressional ticket shall be defined as any group of two (2) or more congressional candidates.

TITLE IV: Voting and Voters

Section 401: Voter Eligibility. Only IUSA members shall be eligible to vote in the IUSA Election. IUSA members are defined as all students who are enrolled in Indiana University at the Bloomington Campus. Each voter shall cast one and only one vote, and that vote shall only be on his or her behalf. Each voter shall have the option to cast a vote for one Executive slate, for as many Senators as there are vacancies in the district where the voter resides at the time of the IUSA Election, and for as many Representatives as there are vacancies in the school where the voter is registered at the time of the IUSA Election. Residency and school registration shall be defined as what the Office of the Registrar has on record at the time of the IUSA Election.

Section 402: On-line Voting. Voting shall be open from 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the IUSA Elections to 10:00 p.m. on the second day of the IUSA Elections. On-line voting will be the only medium used for casting valid votes. Links from any ticket's or individual candidate's website to the IUSA homepage is allowed, but not to the exact web address containing the ballot itself. Furthermore, residual advertising from the website providing the link (including but not limited to ticket name or individual candidate name) shall not be visible on any part of the computer screen that has accessed the on-line ballot. In order to cast an on-line vote, a voter shall be minimally required to use his or her username and network ID password.

Section 403: Executive Victor. The executive ticket that attains a simple plurality of votes shall be deemed the victor. In the event of a tie, the Elections Commission shall provide for the selection of the winning executive ticket by whatever non random means they deem appropriate. However, the Elections Commission shall not establish a run-off election to determine the victor.

Section 404: Plurality Vote Required for Congressional Candidates. Candidates for Congressional seats shall be elected by a simple plurality vote. In the case of a tie, the Elections Commission shall provide for the selection of the individual to fill the seat from the tied candidates by whatever non-random means they deem appropriate, except in the following cases:

1. In the case of a tie for a seat in one of the Residence Halls, the Board of Governors of that Residence Hall shall provide for the selection of the individual to fill the seat from the tied candidates by whatever non-random means it deems appropriate.
2. In the case of a tie for a seat in one of the Fraternity and Sorority Division, a committee comprised of the presidents of the given district shall provide for the selection of the individual to fill the seat from the tied candidates by whatever non-random means they deem appropriate.

Section 405: Ballots. The ballot for the IUSA Election, which shall be available on a secure website, shall include Executive Candidates and Congressional Candidates. The ballot shall not favor any one candidate over any other candidates. Each candidate shall be placed on the ballot as determined by the lottery conducted at the All-Candidate Meeting. Each candidate shall be listed on the ballot by his or her first and last name only, unless the Elections Commission has approved the use of a nickname. Each candidate shall have the option to place his or her ticket affiliation next to his or her name. Each ballot shall have a place for voters to cast write-in votes.

Title V: Campaign Violations

Section 501: Distribution and Removal of Campaign Materials on Campus. Flyers and other written materials posted on wooden kiosks shall not exceed four (4) in number on any individual kiosk per individual candidate (if the candidate is running independently), executive group, or campaign ticket. No campaign materials shall be taped to the sidewalk nor shall there be any chalking on any sidewalk. All publicly posted campaign materials shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the IUSA Election. Failure to remove materials in the prescribed time shall not result in a formal sanction. All other violations of this section shall result in the imposition of no less than one (1), but no more than three (3), sanction points.

Section 502: Voter Fraud. Voter fraud shall be defined as, but not limited to, any act that prevents a voter from casting a vote in any IUSA election, any act that attempts to remove a voter's right to cast a vote for himself or herself, any act that attempts to purchase the ability to vote for a voter, or any act in which anyone attempts to cast a vote for another voter. Examples of voter fraud include, but are not limited to, the following: creating lists of student information that gives the ability to vote for that voter; intimidating a voter; offering a voter money, goods, or services in exchange for casting a ballot in a certain way; preventing a voter from casting a vote; preventing a voter from casting a vote for the candidate he or she desires; changing a vote once it has been cast; and using false information to cast a vote. Violation of this section shall result in eight (8) sanction points.

Section 503: Improper Use of E-mail. Any email sent to multiple voters that does not have all but one email address in the blind carbon copy line shall be in violation of this code. Violation of this section shall result in no less than one (1), but no more than three (3), sanction points. If an email has more than fifty recipients whose email addresses are not in the blind carbon copy line, then each group of fifty addresses shall constitute a separate violation.

Section 504: Damage to Property. Destroying, damaging, or defacing University or private property shall result in no less than two (2), but no more than six (6), sanction points.

Section 505: Affirmative, Deliberate Act to Cause Another's Violation. It shall be a violation of this Code to deliberately cause any candidate, executive group, or campaign

ticket to be in be violation of this Code and shall result in no less than five (5) sanction points.

Section 506: Interference with Campaign Materials. No candidate, executive group, campaign ticket, or anyone acting on their behalf shall deface, destroy, alter, or otherwise change any candidate's campaign materials. Violation of this section shall result in no less than four (4) sanction points.

Section 507: Campaigning in the Dorms. No candidate, nor any person acting on behalf of any candidate, shall campaign in any university dormitory before 10:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. during the week of the election. Violation of this section shall result in the imposition of no less than four (4) sanction points and, if the Elections Commission finds that the violation has significantly affected the outcome of the election, eight (8) sanction points shall be imposed. For the purposes of this section, the term "campaign" is not meant to include emailing, posting material, or wearing campaign clothing. It is meant to include "door-to-door" soliciting, "cold-calling" dorm rooms, or any other activity that is disruptive to students.

Section 508: Campaigning in Study Areas. Campaigning within fifty (50) feet of any university library or computer lab shall result in no less than one (1), but no more than three (3), sanction points. For the purposes of this section, the term "campaign" is not meant to include emailing, posting material, or wearing campaign clothing. It is meant to include any activity that is disruptive to students.

Section 509: Public Voting Stations. Tickets may establish voting stations in public areas on campus in accordance with existing university guidelines. These voting stations shall comply with Section 507 and 508 of this election code. Violation of existing university policies relating to the use of campus space shall result in no less than one (1), but no more than three (3), sanction points.

Title VI: Campaign Spending

Section 601: Campaign Expenditures Defined. Any purchase or donation made for the purpose of, or which is ultimately used for, promoting any candidate or referendum issue, shall be considered a campaign expenditure. In determining the value of an expenditure, individual candidates, executive groups, or campaign tickets shall be assessed the greater of the fair market value or the actual amount spent for the goods and services used to campaign. The Elections Commission shall have the authority to determine whether any purchase is a campaign expenditure and what the greater value of the expenditure is. Any candidate may request from the Elections Commission an advisory opinion as to whether a particular purchase or donation would constitute a campaign expenditure and what its value will be assessed.

Section 602: Spending limits for IUSA Elections and Re-elections. Any group of executive candidates, including anyone acting on behalf of the group of executive candidates, is precluded from spending more than three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) in

any one IUSA Election or Re-election. Regardless of the number of congressional candidates affiliated with an executive ticket, an executive ticket's spending limit cannot exceed three thousand dollars ($3,000.00). Any congressional ticket, including anyone acting on its behalf, is precluded from spending more than fifty dollars ($50.00) for each congressional candidate affiliated with its ticket. Regardless of the number of congressional candidates affiliated with a congressional ticket, a congressional ticket's spending limit cannot exceed two thousand dollars ($2,000.00). Any individual IUSA Aid Funding Board candidate, including anyone acting in his or her behalf, is precluded from spending more than one hundred dollars ($100.00) in any one IUSA Election or Re-election. Individual congressional candidates not affiliated with any executive or congressional ticket, including anyone acting on his or her behalf, are precluded from spending more than fifty dollars ($50.00) in any one IUSA Election or Re-election. Any spending that is in excess of the spending limit by up to ten (10) percent shall result in two (2) sanction points. Any spending that is in excess of the spending limit by more than ten (10) percent shall result in eight (8) sanction points. There must be a significant distinction between an executive and congressional ticket, including the names of the tickets. Executive and congressional tickets may not coordinate campaigns in any way. Any coordination found will result in no less that two (2) sanctions points and no more than eight (8) sanction points.

Section 603: Financial Statements. A financial statement consists of an itemized list of all campaign expenditures, including receipts and appropriate documentation for each campaign expenditure listed. Intentionally falsifying financial statements shall result in eight (8) sanction points.

Section 604: Submissions of Intermediate Financial Statement to the Elections Commissions. Each individual candidate, executive group, or campaign ticket must submit a unified intermediate financial statement, along with appropriate receipts to the IUSA Executive Secretary no later than 5:00 p.m. on each Friday after applications are due up to and including the last Friday before the IUSA Election. These financial statements must be cumulative and shall state all expenditures made to date. The Elections Commission may grant an extension, not to exceed four (4) hours in length, provided the request for the extension is made prior to the deadline. Failure to submit a statement shall result in eight (8) sanction points. Submitting a statement after the prescribed time shall result in one (1) sanction point.

Section 605: Submission of Final Financial Statement to the Elections Commission. Each individual candidate, executive group, or campaign ticket shall submit a unified final financial statement, along with appropriate receipts, to the IUSA Executive Secretary, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after the IUSA Election. A financial statement must be submitted, even if the statement reflects that no expenditures were made. This final financial statement must be cumulative and shall state all expenditures made during the course of the IUSA Election. The Elections Commission may grant an extension, not to exceed four (4) hours in length, provided the request for the extension is made prior to the deadline. Failure to submit this statement, or submitting it after 5:00 p.m. one class day following the deadline, shall result in eight (8) sanction points.

Submitting this statement late, but before 5:00 p.m. one class day after the deadline shall result in two (2) sanction points.

Title VII: Penalties for Violations

Section 701: Penalties Explained.

1. The Elections Commission shall determine that a violation has occurred once a meeting of the Elections Commission has been called, quorum is present, and a majority of those present and voting agree that a violation has occurred.
2. Violations of this code shall result in sanction points. No more than eight (8) sanction points shall be imposed. Upon the accumulation of eight (8) sanction points, an individual candidate, executive group, or campaign ticket shall be disqualified and have all votes previously credited to that campaign discounted from the election results. The accumulation of any points up to and including three (3) shall result in a fine of fifty (50) dollars per point. After accumulating three (3) points, the fine shall be seventy-five (75) dollars per point thereafter. Fines will not be counted as part of the spending limits. Failure to pay any fine will prevent indebted candidates from being allowed to serve in any IUSA position in any term. All monetary fines must be placed in the IUSA charity fund.
3. If students are running as part of a campaign ticket, the Elections Commission shall have the authority to determine whether sanction points will be imposed upon an entire ticket, or instead upon only one or more individual candidates. The Elections Commission shall base such a determination on its judgment of whether the evidence presented indicates that a ticket conspired to commit a violation, or conversely that a single candidate, or small group of candidates, failed to adhere to this code without the knowledge of the ticket's leadership.

Title VIII: Appellate Procedures

Section 801: Properly Filed Complaints. The Elections Commission must hear all properly filed complaints and will have discretion as to whether or not to hear improperly filed complaints. A complaint has been properly filed when the following requirements have been met:

1. <u>Technical Requirements</u>: Each complaint must be typewritten, double spaced, with one-inch margins. Twelve (12) point font must be used. No complaint can exceed eight (8) one-sided pages in length, excluding accompanying pieces of evidence or exhibits. All complaints must be signed by the complaintant(s).
2. <u>Substantive Requirements</u>: Each complaint must include specific allegations, the names of those allegedly involved, the dates the alleged violations occurred, citations to the specific portion of this code that the complaintant(s) believes was violated, and a specific request for relief. The complaintant(s) may attach exhibits to the complaint that serve as documentation necessary to support the allegations

stated in the complaints. However, these exhibits cannot independently contain allegations or arguments to support the allegations.

3. Deadline: A complaint may be submitted to the IUSA Elections Commission in the IUSA Office at any time during the election until 5:00 PM on the first day following the IUSA Election. The complaintant(s) must provide five (5) copies of the complaint, along with one copy in digital form (floppy disk, email attachment, or any other form approved by the Elections Coordinator), and all supporting documentation to the Elections Commission, who shall keep one copy and then distribute one copy to each of the following individuals: the Supreme Court, the Assistant Dean of Students, and the Director of Student Activities. The remaining copy shall be posted for public view on the bulletin board outside the IUSA Office. Costs associated with submitting complaints shall not be counted toward any applicable spending limit.

Section 802: Appeal of Decisions of the Elections Commission. All decisions of the Elections Commission can be appealed to the Supreme Court. Following any decision or action of the Elections Commission, any party involved in the decision or action may petition the Supreme Court for a *writ of certiorari*.

1. Technical Requirements: Each appeal must be typewritten, double spaced, with one-inch margins. Twelve (12) point font must be used. No appeal can exceed eight (8) one-sided pages in length. All appeals must be signed by the appellant(s).
2. Substantive Requirements: Each appeal must contain a statement of the specific decision made by the Elections Commission, reasons for why the decision should be overturned, and a specific request for relief. The appellant(s) may attach exhibits to the appeal that serve as documentation necessary to support the allegations stated in the appeal. However, these exhibits cannot independently contain arguments.
3. Deadline: The appellant(s) must submit the appeal no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of class following the day when the Elections Commission posts its decision for public review. The appellant(s) must provide five (5) copies of the appeal, along with an additional copy in digital form (floppy disk, email attachment, or any other form approved by the Chief Justice), to the Supreme Court, who shall keep one hard copy and the digital copy, and then distribute one copy to each of the following individuals: the Elections Coordinator, the Assistant Dean of Students, and the Director of Student Activities. The remaining copy shall be posted for public view on the bulletin board outside the IUSA Office. Costs associated with submitting appeals shall not be counted toward any applicable spending limit.

Section 803: Acceptance of Complaints and Appeals. The Elections Commission shall determine whether a complaint has been properly filed. Once the Elections Commission determines that the complaint was properly filed, the complaint is accepted and shall be heard. If the Elections Commission determines that the complaint was not properly filed, the Elections Commission shall have the discretion to determine whether or not to accept

the complaint. The Supreme Court shall set its own guidelines for determining whether to accept an appeal, regardless of whether the appeal is filed properly or improperly. If the Supreme Court chooses not to hear an appeal, the decision of the Elections Commission shall stand.

Section 805: Procedure for Complaints after Acceptance by the Elections Commission. The following procedure shall apply to all complaints accepted by the Elections Commission:

1. The Elections Commission shall provide copies of the complaints to all candidates affected by the complaints within twenty-four (24) hours of acceptance. Also, a copy of the complaint shall be posted for public view on the bulletin board outside the IUSA Office.
2. Anyone wishing to submit a reply brief must do so by 5:00 PM of the first day of class following receipt of the copy of the complaint. In order to be properly filed, reply briefs must satisfy the technical requirements stated in Section 801.
3. The Elections Commission shall set, and then advertise, a date, time, and location for the complaint hearing. This complaint hearing must occur within three (3) class days of the deadline for submission of reply briefs. The complaint hearing shall be open to the public.
4. At the hearing, each person who filed a complaint or a reply brief shall have the opportunity to make an initial statement to the Elections Commission. Then, the Elections Commission shall have the opportunity to ask questions of the speaker(s). After the question and answer period, each person who made an initial statement shall have the opportunity to make a closing statement.
5. The Elections Commission shall issue a written decision within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the hearing, providing a copy of the written decision to the President, the Supreme Court, the complaintant(s), and all those whose reply briefs were accepted. Also, a copy of the decision shall be posted for public view on the bulletin board outside the IUSA Office.

Section 806: Procedure for Appeals after Acceptance by the Supreme Court. The following procedure shall apply to all appeals accepted by the Supreme Court. In hearing appeals, the Supreme Court shall be confined to the evidence presented in front of the Elections Commission when it made its determination, the petition submitted by the appellant(s), the reply briefs, and the statements made during the appeal hearing.

1. The Supreme Court shall provide copies of the appeal to the Elections Coordinator within one class day of granting a *writ of certiorari*. Also, a copy of the appeal shall be posted for public view on the bulletin board outside the IUSA Office.
2. Anyone wishing to submit a reply brief must do so by 5:00 p.m. of the first class day following receipt of the copy of the complaint. In order to be properly filed, reply briefs must satisfy the technical requirements stated in Section 802 and must be submitted in digital form.

3. The Supreme Court shall set, and then advertise, a date, time, and location for the appeal hearing. This appeal hearing must occur within four (4) class days of the deadline for submission of reply briefs. The appeal hearing shall be open to the public and conducted as governed by the internal rules of the Supreme Court.
4. The Supreme Court shall issue a written decision within forty-eight (48) hours of the end of the hearing and provide a copy of the written decision to the President, the Elections Coordinator, and all other parties to the dispute. Also, a copy of the decision shall be posted for public view on the bulletin board outside the IUSA Office.

Section 808: Required Path of Redress Each person aggrieved must first exhaust his or her administrative remedies through the Elections Commission before seeking relief in an original cause of action in front of the Supreme Court.

Title IX: Responsibilities of the Supreme Court

Section 901: General Authority. No IUSA Election shall be considered valid until the Supreme Court certifies the results of the IUSA Election, once all appeals have been rejected, or heard and resolved. The Supreme Court shall have the final authority over all properly appealed IUSA Election and referendum disputes.

Section 902: Authority to Reject Appeals. The Supreme Court shall have the authority to reject any appeal.

Section 903: Certification of the IUSA Election. The Elections Coordinator shall publicly post the unofficial vote totals of the election totals once he or she is reasonably certain of the accuracy of the count. The Elections Commission shall submit to the Supreme Court, once all financial statements have been verified, the results of the IUSA Election. The Supreme Court shall then certify the results of the IUSA Election. If the results of the Election Commission's decisions, hearings, etc. are properly appealed to the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court shall certify the results of the IUSA Election only after these complaints and appeals have been heard and resolved.

Section 904: Installation of new IUSA Officers. The Supreme Court shall install new IUSA officers as set forth in the IUSA Constitution and by-laws.

Section 905: Re-elections. The Supreme Court shall have the authority to invalidate an entire IUSA Election, or a portion thereof, and order a Re-election of what has been invalidated. This shall occur only after the Supreme Court has reviewed a complaint, on appeal from the Elections Commission, which requests an entirely new IUSA Election, or a portion thereof, and the petitioner has demonstrated that either a violation of this Code has occurred, or that other rules and regulations unfairly influenced the outcome of the results he or she is contesting.

Title X: Responsibilities of Congress

Section 1001: General Authority. Congress shall have the authority to amend this Code consistent with the dictates of the IUSA Constitution. Congress shall have the authority to make additional rules and regulations consistent with this Code in order to preserve the legitimacy of all IUSA Elections. Congress shall not have the authority to restrict any voter's right to endorse or assist any candidate, except for those voters who sit on the Elections Commission or the Supreme Court.

Section 1002: Procedures for Re-elections. Upon a determination by the Supreme Court that a Re-election will be held, Congress shall hold an emergency Congress meeting to establish Re-election procedures. The provisions of this Code shall apply for the Re-election, with the exception that any provision which states a deadline shall be superseded by the procedures established by Congress at the emergency meeting.