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**IUSA Supreme Court Accepts Petitions from Big Red**

Bloomington, IN—Yesterday the Indiana University Student Association Supreme Court accepted a petition for a *writ of certiorari* regarding the 2008 Indiana University Student Association elections. On April 18, 2008, Big Red requested an appellate review of both decisions of the Elections Commission that were made available on April 17, 2008. Big Red argued that “the Elections Commission has clearly erred in its judgment, exhibited a blatant abuse of discretion, and that at least one member of the Elections Commission who took part in the entirety of the proceedings had an admitted personal bias.”

Due to the allegations of “blatant abuse of discretion” and “clear error,” the Court has accepted the petition for a *writ of certiorari* to further review the issues brought forth by the Big Red ticket. Such judicial review does not necessarily entail an overturn of any decisions made by the Elections Commission. Rather, the Court accepted the request for writ of certiorari to ensure fair application and accurate interpretation of the Elections Code by the Elections Commission, and thus to ensure due process.

The IUSA Supreme Court will hold the hearing in regards to this matter on April 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Oak Room of the Indiana Memorial Union. The hearing is open to the public.

The Court’s full decision can be found at [www.indiana.edu/~court](http://www.indiana.edu/~court).

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**About the IUSA Supreme Court, or the Student Body Supreme Court of Indiana University:**

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**For more information:**

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