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# **IU Supreme Court Denies Petition in Student Government Elections Complaint**

*Bloomington, IN.* – The Student Body Supreme Court of Indiana University denied a petition for a *writ of certiorari* today involving the Indiana University Student Association elections. The petition, filed by the Kirkwood Election Ticket, asked that the Court overturn an Elections Commission decision issued earlier this week involving a contested “40 percent student mandate” requirement for executive candidates. The Elections Commission previously denied the complaint because Kirkwood missed the filing deadline for such requests.

The Court, in a unanimous decision, rejected the petition, citing the explicit authority given to the IUSA Elections Commission in the *Elections Code* in rejecting improperly filed election complaints. The Court stated that “the *only* issue before this Court in *appellate* review is the validity of the Elections Commission’s exercise of this discretion.” The Court cited its prior decisions regarding IUSA Elections and concluded by saying that, “[a]s Petitioner has not alleged any abuse of this valid discretion, any clear error, or any legitimate personal bias on the part of the Elections Commission ... [Kirkwood] has failed to meet the burden required for the Court to accept jurisdiction over this complaint.”

The Court’s full decision and opinion, as well as further information about the 2005 IUSA Elections, can be found at [www.indiana.edu/~court](http://www.indiana.edu/~court).

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### About the Student Body Supreme Court of Indiana University:

The Supreme Court is the highest judicial body on the Indiana University-Bloomington campus. The Court consists of 1 Chief Justice and 10 Associate Justices who come from the undergraduate, graduate and professional schools of the university. The Court serves as the judicial branch of the student government, as well as fulfilling various adjudication roles within the personal and academic misconduct procedures of the university and serving on a variety of college advisory and policy boards.

### For more information:

The Student Body Supreme Court of Indiana University’s Web site can be found at [www.indiana.edu/~court](http://www.indiana.edu/~court) and the Court may be contacted by e-mail at [court@indiana.edu](mailto:court@indiana.edu).

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