

Amendment 01-08S

Sponsors: Adam Matthai, Parliamentarian; Avidah Mayville, Townhouse Senator; Charles Onwuche, Class of 2009 President.

Co-sponsors: Lynn Htun, Constitutional Review Committee member.

Whereas: The Bylaws of our Constitution state that *Regular Elections* shall be held for two (2) days, at least two (2) weeks after applications are due while *Special Elections* shall only be held for one (1) day, at least one (1) week after applications are due.

Whereas: *Special Elections* serve the same purpose as *Regular Elections*, the only difference being that they are held at irregular times throughout the academic year.

Whereas: Student participation in *special elections* has been very low in comparison to regular elections.

Whereas: Increasing the time span that students have the ability to vote may increase voter turnout for all Student Government Association (SGA) elections.

Whereas: Standardizing the two types of elections will be fairer to candidates running for SGA office.

Whereas: Unforeseen events outside of our control may influence the number of days elections are held, thus conducive to constitutional flexibility.

Be it Hereby Resolved: That Article I, Section E of the SGA Bylaws be amended to the following:

“Regular Elections shall be held for at least two (2) days, at most four (4) days, two (2) weeks after applications are due. Special Elections shall be held for at least two (2) days, at most four (4) days, one (1) week after applications are due.”

Keith Buzby
SGA President