Whereas, the SGA consistently updates the rules of its elections procedures to best facilitate fair, honest, and competitive elections,

Whereas, the voting members of the SGA Senate hold a powerful and public role as change-makers on this campus,

Whereas, SGA e-mails are often dismissed *prima facie*, resulting in few students being aware of information regarding elections,

Whereas, competitive SGA elections, promote competitive discourse, the sharing of diverse ideas, and interest in the SGA,

Whereas, the SGA currently does little to ensure elections are competitive,

Whereas, during the 2014 spring general elections, only 2 out of 15 elected SGA positions were contested,

Whereas, Senator Nathan LaBarba’s *Competitive Elections Act* was passed by the 2013-2014 Senate by an overwhelming majority in May 2014,

Whereas, due to the rushed nature in which the Competitive Elections Act was passed at the last meeting of the 2013-2014 year, its text is stylistically inconsistent with the remainder of the SGA bylaws,

*Therefore, be it resolved that,*

S2014-SB5: Competitive Elections Act is hereby repealed.

Section III, C, 1, j be added to the SGA Bylaws and read as follows:

j. If, after the meeting described in Section III, C, 1, b is held, only one or two full-year candidates (for Commons Senator/President/SCOCC and Class Senator positions, respectively) has expressed interest in a given position, the President of the SGA, in conjunction with the Director of Membership and Elections Council, will send an e-mail to all constituencies for which only one or two full-year candidates (for Commons Senator/President/SCOCC and Class Senator positions, respectively) has expressed interest in running, informing those constituencies of the uncontested nature of the upcoming election. This e-mail shall include a provocative but appropriate title to ensure maximum readership. The e-mail will not name the student(s) or by
name or by sex/gender. It will offer students an additional 48 hours to meet with the Director of Membership to receive the paperwork needed to be candidates in the upcoming election. The e-mail will state the importance of competition in elections and the powers of the SGA to affect campus policy and student life. The deadline for submitting petitions and letters of intent will not be extended for any candidate who takes advantage of this opportunity.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

*Originally Proposed.*

Taylor Custer, President
Nathan LaBarba, 2013-2014 Senior Senator

**September 21, 2014**

President Custer: Motion to end debate and vote on F2014-SB3
Speaker Brady: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: None.
Abstain: Senator Sanders
16-0-1
Motion passes.

Vote on F2014-SB3
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: None.
Abstain: Senator Sanders
16-0-1
F2014-SB3 passes.