Section VI, (C) (1) of the SGA Bylaws is repealed and replaced with the following text (new text in red).

(C) Elections Procedures

(1) Spring General Elections

The Elections Council Chair, with the support of the Elections Council, shall carry out the following duties prior to the spring general elections:

(a) During Week 6, notification of the upcoming election cycle and details regarding election procedures shall be sent to the entire student body via email.

(b) During Week 7, an informational meeting for potential candidates shall be held where candidate petitions shall be distributed. The Elections Council Chair shall arrange an alternative way to give petitions and necessary information to students unable to attend. After the meeting, the campaign period officially begins.

(i) If, after the meeting is held, no more candidates have expressed interest in a given position than there are seats to fill, the Elections Council Chair shall declare an uncontested race.

(ii) For each uncontested race, students shall be given an additional 48 hours to meet with the Elections Council Chair to receive candidate petitions. No other election deadlines may be delayed as a result of an uncontested race.

(iii) The President, in concert with the Elections Council, shall send an email to all constituencies for which there is an uncontested race, informing those constituencies of the uncontested nature of the upcoming election and announcing the 48-hour extension. This email shall include a provocative but appropriate title to ensure maximum readership, and shall state the importance of competition in elections and the powers of the SGA to affect campus policy and student life. The email may not identify any existing interested candidate(s) in any way.

(c) Candidates will have one week after the meeting to collect petitions as follows:

(i) Commons and class senator: 25 signatures;

(ii) President and SCOCC: 200 signatures;

(iii) Signatories to candidate petitions must be eligible to vote in the election for the candidate.
(d) During Week 8, candidates must submit petitions and statements of intent to the Elections Council Chair. Statements must be 100-400 words in length.

(e) The Elections Council shall certify all valid candidate petitions.

(f) At least three days prior to the voting period, statements of intent shall be sent to the student body via email, along with an explanation of online voting procedures.

(g) Within seven days prior to the voting period, the Elections Council Chair shall host a candidate debate for candidates for President and SCOCC. The Elections Council Chair shall designate a moderator for the debate.

(h) During Week 9 on a weekday, the Elections Council Chair shall hold voting online for a twenty-four hour period. The Elections Council may extend the voting period in the case of technical difficulties.

(i) During the voting period, the Elections Council shall offer public voting stations, to be staffed by the Elections Council or its designee.

Respectfully submitted,

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