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Resolution to update the IUSA Bylaws

WHEREAS, the Congress must approve changes to the IUSA Bylaws.

WHEREAS, the only current language in regards to the Supreme Court selection process in the Bylaws reads:

*The Student Body President shall form a committee of persons to identify and recommend candidates for the Student Body Supreme Court or may designate another body to do so. The President or his or her designee may serve as an ex officio member of any such committee and all such deliberations shall be open to the executive branch upon request.*

WHEREAS, the only current language in regards to the Supreme Court selection process in the constitution reads:

*Eleven justices, including one Chief Justice, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Congress, will comprise the IUSA Supreme Court.*

WHEREAS, the Indiana University Student Association Supreme Court is an 11 member body that is currently comprised of 9 men, 4 people in the same fraternity, and 7 people in the Kelley School of Business

WHEREAS, the Indiana University Student government body is supposed to be representative of the actual student body, but it currently does not adequately represent the student body.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court currently self-selects its members, leading to potential conflict of interests which would further harm diversity, and disrupt the balance between branches argued for in the Indiana University Student Association Constitution

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the IUSA Bylaws be amended under section X to say that

*The Student Body President shall form a diverse committee of persons to identify and recommend candidates for the Student Body Supreme Court. The President or his or her designee may serve as an ex officio member of any such committee and all such deliberations shall be open to the executive branch upon request. This committee shall be comprised of one and only one member of the IUSA Supreme Court, the Union Board President or designee, the RHA President or designee, GPSG President or designee, IUSA congressional designee, diverse representation from culture centers, and other members of the university community as the President sees fit.*