Instant Runoff Contingency Amendment  
Special Designation: Constitutional Amendment

"An amendment creating a contingency plan in the event that Instant Runoff Voting is unable to be implemented in time for the Spring 2013 Elections."

Whereas(1): Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) has now been added to the Election Regulations for all elections besides Student Senate elections; and,

Whereas(2): This system has not yet been completed; and,

Whereas(3): The Election Commissioner has asked the Student Senate to put in place a contingency plan for the unlikely event that a program cannot be created by the Division of Student Affairs to implement IRV in time for the elections to be held in the spring semester of 2013.

Therefore Let it be Enacted(1): That Article II, Section II (a) of the Student Government Association Constitution shall be amended as follows:

(a) The chief executive officer shall be the Student Body President who shall be elected from the student body by [a-majority] an instant runoff vote during the spring student body elections as provided for by statute.
Let it be
Further Enacted(2): That the following Article XII shall be added to the Student Government Association Constitution:

ARTICLE XII. SPECIAL EXPIRING SECTIONS

SECTION I. Instant Runoff Voting Alternative

(a) In the event that instant runoff voting cannot be implemented in accordance with the Election Regulations as passed by the Student Senate and found in the Student Government Association Code, all student body elections, including races for Student Body President and for the Student Senate, shall be conducted as plurality elections in which the number of votes cast is equal to the total number of winners in that race and the winner or winners are the individuals who are not disqualified and who receive the highest number of votes.

(b) The procedure outlined in the previous sub-section shall not take effect unless the following steps are completed no later than seven (7) days before filing begins for spring elections:

(1) A representative from the Division of Student Affairs must write a letter to the Student Body President containing his or her reasons for being unable to implement instant runoff voting

(2) The Student Body President must choose to endorse that letter and present it to the Student Senate

(3) The Student Senate must approve of cancelling the instant runoff vote and moving to the alternative system by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at an announced meeting

(4) In the event that these steps are completed on time, this Section shall take precedence over all rules for conducting, voting in and winning elections found in this Constitution, or elsewhere in the Student Government Association Code, should any of those come into conflict with this Section.

SECTION II. Expiration of this Particular Article

(a) This Article shall expire on May 31, 2012, and shall at that point be immediately removed from the Student Government Association Code and no longer enforced.

Let it be
Further Enacted(3): That these changes shall take effect immediately after passage and shall be reflected in the Student Government Association Code.