Student Assembly Interim Election Rules

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Article I: Director of Elections and Elections Committee

I. Collectively, the Student Assembly will nominate and appoint a Director of Elections by the end of the academic year 2019-20;

II. The Director of Elections will select Election Committee Members;
   a. The selection of the Elections Committee and powers withheld in the Charter, Bylaws and Elections Rules will be maintained as it is written;

III. The Election Committee will create and publish a tentative elections schedule for the Fall 2020 semester before the end of the 2019-20 academic year;

IV. The Elections Committee will provisionally parse the Elections Rules as it relates to dates and timing to ensure a timely, efficient, and stable election;

Article II: Current Candidates

I. In terms of those who are current candidates in competitive races who have collected signatures – have been validated by the Office of the Assemblies – attended Student Assembly meetings – and began campaigning races –

   Including and limited to:
   a. Candidates for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences seats
   b. Candidates for the Dyson School of Business seat
   c. Candidates for the College of Engineering seats
Article III: Student Assembly Powers

I. This body will have NO legislative power, cannot pass resolutions, public statements, hold hearings, perform internal elections, convene/congregate in any fashion, or other actions that are deemed unfitting.

II. If the body as a whole or individual members are found in violation of the above, Article II, Section I, the Director of Elections will have the power to remove members by a majority vote of the Elections Committee.

Article IV: Concurrent Elections

I. For the vacant seats of (1) Minority Students Liaison At-Large seat; and (1) Candidates for Undergraduate Representative to the University Assembly – elections will run concurrent with the Fall elections, in which the petition period will open up along with the mandated Fall elections with Freshman Representatives and the Transfer Representative.

Article V: Referendum

I. No referenda items will be allowed onto the Fall 2020 semester ballot.

Article VI: Campaigning

I. Effective immediately, after the passage of this resolution, all campaigning must cease – with the exception of a message of gratitude to supporters, and a notification of suspending campaigns;

II. Any campaigning after the day of May 24th (until in accordance with the new Elections calendar) will result in being disqualified by the Elections Committee;
Article VII: After the Fact

I. Immediately following the close of elections in the Fall 2020 semester, this document will no longer have citation power or purpose. Instead, any and all further elections and legislative matters will be deferred back onto the Cornell Student Assembly Charter, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Election Rules;

Article VIII: Amendments

I. These Emergency Elections Rules and Regulations will be closed to amendments, unless by unanimous approval by the Elections Committee.