In response to the charge placed on us during the December 7th Faculty Senate meeting, the rules committee would like to formally propose the following change to the BSUFA rules.

**Article I: Elections**

**Section A: Balloting**
Election shall be by means approved by the Senate at a meeting prior to the election. The candidate receiving a simple plurality of the vote for each position shall be declared elected.

Be changed to (proposed change is in red):

**Article I: Elections**

**Section A: Balloting**
Election shall be by means approved by the Senate at a meeting prior to the election. The candidate receiving a simple plurality of the vote for each position shall be declared elected. **When a seat in any BSUFA election is contested, each candidate shall provide a brief statement describing experience, goals and priorities with regard to the sought position.**

Note(s): we did look into requiring that everyone running for an office submit a statement but decided it would take a constitutional amendment. Our interpretation of the BSUFA constitution is that it covers the nomination process up until the actual election and explicitly states that elections are ONLY held if there is more than one nominee. To require ALL nominees for all positions to submit a statement would require a change to the constitution whereas the rules for running an election are part of the BSUFA rules which can be changed by a senate vote. In short, the constitution says no election unless position is contested and then passes off the running of the election to the rules.