# **Texas State University**

## **Student Government**

### **Supreme Court**

## NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

TO: Graduate House of Representatives (Defendant),

Johnathan Daniel Martinez Calderon (Petitioner),

Abby Myers (Student Government President),

Emma Stampley (Student Government Vice-President),

Dr. Bruce, Dr. Rodriguez, Dr. Giuffre (Student Government Advisors)

FROM: Muhammad Hanzala (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court)

SUBJECT: Alleged Student Government Constitution and Code of Laws Violation

#### DATE: 04/28/2025

As per pg. 14, Article VI, Section 2-B of the Constitution and pg. 10, Article IV, Section 2-A of the Code of Laws, the Supreme Court has received, and accepted for hearing, two complaints from a petitioner that the Graduate House of Representatives has violated the rules established by Student Government Constitution and Code of Laws. The statements of the complaints filed are as follows:

- 1- "On April 25, 2025, the Graduate House of Representatives held its final meeting of the semester, titled "Brewing Democracy," in Alkek 310 Grad Commons from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. According to the promotional material posted on Instagram by the Graduate House's official account, attendance was restricted to 35 individuals. The caption included the statement: 'RSVP now—space is limited to 35.' This artificial limitation on attendance, despite the meeting being advertised as a Student Government event, is a violation of the governing principles that ensure open and equitable access to Student Government, as mandated by its Constitution and Bylaws."
- 2- "The Graduate House of Representatives of Texas State University holds its official meetings in the Graduate Commons, a space located in Alkek Library that is exclusively reserved for graduate students. This choice of location effectively limits access for undergraduate students and members of the public who wish to attend and participate in Graduate House meetings. Student Government events, including meetings, are intended

to be open and accessible to all students, and limiting attendance based on location violates these principles."

The petitioner alleges that this complaint is a violation of the Student Government Code of Laws (Page 37 – Article V, Section A Subsection 4) which requires all Graduate House Meetings to be open to the public.

In lieu of the facts that the Graduate House of representatives has adjourned until the fall semester, the Court will be adjourning after our last meeting today, and that the nature of the complaint is regarding meetings of the House (which will not resume until the fall semester), we will not be scheduling this matter for a hearing until the beginning of the fall semester.

The Court will issue another memorandum at the start of the fall semester, with details about the hearing. This memorandum serves as the required Notice of Complaint to all relevant parties.