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: 09/02/2025

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 activities. Such restrictions contradict the inclusive and participatory nature of 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 the second 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. The petitioner also alleges that the Graduate House may not set limits on its events, such as the "Brewing Democracy" event that took place on April 25.

The original notice of complaint was sent out on April 28th. The case was postponed until the start of the fall semester, as branches of Student Government had adjourned for the summer.

We have not received a response from the petitioner but will still be conducting a hearing on this matter. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 10:00 am.

A link for the hearing can be found here: <u>LINK</u>