Removal Resolution for Matthew Gonzales, Chief of Staff

Convicting Matthew Gonzales, Student Government Chief of Staff, of violations eligible for impeachment, according to the Texas State University Code Article II Section 5 Standards (a, b, e, c, f) for violation(s) of the rules, regulations and laws of the Student Government.

WHEREAS: Matthew Gonzales, Student Government Chief of Staff has gross violations of the Student Government Code: CODE OF ETHICS, Title II, Chapter 100, Article II ETHICAL STANDARDS, Section 5 STANDARDS (a): Maintain truthfulness, honesty, and do not compromise them for personal gain

Matthew Gonzales withheld information from the office of the president and vice-president specifically to secure student government positions that he believed would favor his presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS: Matthew Gonzales, Student Government Chief of Staff has gross violations of the Student Government Code: CODE OF ETHICS, Title II, Chapter 100, Article II ETHICAL STANDARDS, Section 5 STANDARDS (b): Not abuse power or position
Matthew Gonzales specifically used his power as Chief of Staff and the position’s responsibility and privilege to advise the president and vice-president’s office to favor his campaign. Gonzales used his proximity to the president to influence campaign outcomes, thereby directly abusing his power; and

WHEREAS: Matthew Gonzales, Student Government Chief of Staff has gross violations of the Student Government Code: CODE OF ETHICS, Title II, Chapter 100, Article II ETHICAL STANDARDS, Section 5 STANDARDS (c): Act as an ethical and responsible representative of Student Government and Texas State University at all times and all places.

Gonzales’ intentional advising to the president and other members of student government is unethical. Thereby, Gonzales failed to act as an ethical representative of Student Government; and

WHEREAS: Matthew Gonzales, Student Government Chief of Staff has gross violations of the Student Government Code: CODE OF ETHICS, Title II, Chapter 100, Article II ETHICAL STANDARDS, Section 5 STANDARDS (e): Guard against conflict of interests.

By intentionally asserting his own interests before that of the student body, Matthew Gonzales not only failed to guard against conflict of interests but specifically encouraged his conflicts of interest until it was abuse of power; and

WHEREAS: Matthew Gonzales, Student Government Chief of Staff has gross violations of the Student Government Code: CODE OF ETHICS, Title II, Chapter 100, Article II ETHICAL STANDARDS, Section 5 STANDARDS (f): Respect the student body.

Gonzales abuse of power and prioritizing his campaign over that of providing quality governance is blatant disrespect to our student body; and

WHEREAS: That Matthew Gonzales, by such conduct, warrants removal from his position and disqualification from holding this position or any office in Student Government ever again; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Matthew Gonzales is hereby terminated from his position as Chief of Staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon passage this legislation be sent to student body president for further action.