I. Call to Order - 5:33 pm March 28th, 2019
II. GA is now and Electronic Free Zone
IV. Approval of the Minutes
A. GA 3/21/2019 minutes approved
   i. Michael Barbosa - Objection to clerical error regarding date
      → Resolved
V. Invited Guests
A. Earnest Haffner - Assistant Director of Planning and Development
   i. Earnest.haffner@utsa.edu
   ii. Gender Neutral Restroom Conversion
   iii. Located 10 spaces optimal for modification into Gender Neutral Bathrooms
   iv. Aimed for spaces high traffic area
   v. Cost was a big factor into locating modifiable spaces, retrofitting bathrooms with appropriate amenities was less expensive than building new infrastructure
   vi. Looking to increase spaces designated for lactation
   vii. Tyra Allen - Wouldn’t it just be easier to change the signs on existing bathrooms and branding them as gender neutral?
      → Earnest Haffner - We needed to ensure that we had male, female, and gender neutral bathrooms available to on each floor and not only gender neutral options
   viii. Claudeth Garcia - Is there any plan to include baby changing stations in the new building developments?
      → Earnest Haffner - Baby changing stations are planned for new buildings, also they are prevalent in the existing bathrooms
      → Claudeth Garcia - Some bathrooms do not have these stations
      → Earnest Haffner - I can take this concern back now and ensure that it is noted
B. LT Robinson - Interim Dean of Students
   i. LT.Robinson@utsa.edu
   ii. Tapped by President Eighmy to be Chair of Campus-wide Initiatives of Students
   iii. List of listing the taskforces and their composition tackling each initiative
      → over 50 people on the task forces
      → Current Chair of Steering committee that oversees the progress of the other committees/taskforces
   iv. 3 main taskforces regarding initiatives
      → Programming & Outreach
      → Training & Development
      → Marketing and community education on sexual assault
students
   ii. attending a conference on these kinds of training to determine best practices

   • Data Governance and Reporting
      i. Focuses on the university collection of data as mandated by current government policy

   v. Sexual Assault Stats
      • Between 20 and 25% of women are assaulted on a college campus
      • 1 in 13 men are assaulted on a college campus
      • 8 in 10 generally know their attacker
      • every 21 hours, someone is sexually assaulted on an American college campus
      • 21% of (Transgender, Gender Queer, or Non-conforming) TGQN have been sexually assaulted compared to roughly 18% of others outside this demographic
      • Sexual Assaults occur more often in Fall semester and in students’ first semesters
      • UTSA is a part of the Culture of Respect cohort of National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), holding ourselves and the other 30 member universities in the group accountable for the terms of the cohort
      • Cohort terms mandate the entire university takes part in combating and remedying sexual assault, not just incidental offices
      • Statistically, Fraternities and Football teams are more active in occurrences sexual assault and misconduct

   vi. Athletes signed sexual assault pledge

   vii. Look forward to campus events regarding sexual assault education

   viii. Jack Rust - Coaches are now able to hold athletes accountable in the event of a violation of their pledge, greek life organizations will soon sign a similar document, who will be holding them accountable?
      • LT Robinson - Student Activities will be holding an organization accountable. If a student visual is accused of breaking a relevant policy or procedure on campus, they will be sent to conduct. If it is a student organization that breaks policy or procedure, student activities will be holding them accountable.

   ix. Katherine Rico - Where we see sexual assault stats for UTSA campus?
      • LT Robinson - UTPD is required by law to document and report annually the crimes they come into contact with, including sexual assault. Check their website. Also, check this website for national stats <Rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence>

   x. Katherine Rico - There is an upcoming downtown campus event relating to sexual assault?
      • LT Robinson - Yes, I am working with #changerapeculture organization and Students United for Planned Parenthood on that

   xi. Aileen Montana - You mentioned 50% of sexual assault on campuses happens during the first semester, Do you know why that is?
      • LT Robinson - Students are preyed upon the most during this time because they don’t know the campus or the resources. They are more vulnerable because they don’t know a lot of people and are thus not being watched over. We are looking to up the levels of bystander engagement to help deter assaults and misconducts.

   xii. Aileen Montana - Is there any talk to change this culture?
      • LT Robinson - Yes, Looking to engage and education community and enlist the help if 90% of people who do not prey on others in the fight against sexual assault
xiii. **AZ Budhwani** - If a student-athlete is accused of sexual assault, does the student-athlete face engagements with conduct or student activities

- **LT Robinson** - If a report occurs that an organization is responsible, perhaps in the event of a group orchestrated assault, student activities can take action. Implicated individuals will then face EOS process. Criminal charges can be pressed as well.
- **AZ Budhwani** - If an athlete on the football team was found guilty of sexual assault and it was found that the team was hiding the fact, What would happen to the football team?
- **LT Robinson** - Team and Coach could be reprimanded accordingly, athletes could lose all rights and privileges associated

xiv. **Anjali Shah** - Just for clarification, Student-Athletes that signed pledge were highly informed of the document. It wasn’t just a casual walk by signature piece. Football team signed their own document, as activist Brenda Tracy was gang-raped by a football team. Lots of athletes asked great questions and engaged. Lots of other campuses do not have this document. This is a movement that UTSA is a part of.

- **LT Robinson** - Dr. Compos brought Brenda Tracy to campus and is aligned with her vision.

xv. **Claudeth Garcia** - How can SGA help with the initiatives combating sexual assault?

- **LT Robinson** - Do your best to disseminate the information you heard here tonight so that community is better informed. Help administrators build trust with student-body as new team members have been brought on board. Participate in events and perhaps hold your own events.

xvi. **Tyra Allen** - Are students allowed to join task force? How are professors held accountable if they do not report information regarding a sexual assault or misconduct incident

- **LT Robinson** - Yes, to get involved with Task forces email me <LT.Robinson@utsa.edu>. Professors are held accountable for not reporting by their dean or department chair because staff are mandatory reporters. I am in Deans Council now.

xvii. **Jack Rust** - Is Brenda Tracy and her organization a non-profit? What are our financial obligations to her as a university?

- **LT Robinson** - We did pay to have her speak. Her further engagement with the campus is simple of her own volition.
- **Jack Rust** - Are the monetary figures that we paid available for the students to see?
- **LT Robinson** - Athletics paid for her engagement. Lisa Compos would be a good contact.

VI. **Announcements**

A. **Anjali Shah**

   i. ULA tasks will be sent out this weekend so look out for that
   ii. Dress code reminder: formal
   iii. Times and dress code have been sent out across multiple channels, there is no reason for anyone to be confused regarding the event expectations

VII. **Open Forum**

A. none

VIII. **Old Business**

A. None

IX. **New Business**

A. **Judicial Nominee Hearings and Questionings**
i. **Alex Sexton** - The criteria to have the justices considered tonight were that I needed a statement from the president-elect regarding his support or non-support for each nominee. Each nominee needed to submit to me a personal statement. Those criteria have been met. Each nominee will come forward and face the GA. Their prewritten statement will be displayed on-screen, they may choose to read this statement. They will then make a 3-minute speech. Senators will have 5-minutes per voice to ask questions. We will not discuss in-favor or not in-favor or vote until all nominees had been presented. We will then vote in secret paper ballot.

ii. **Michael Barbosa** - Are we voting for on nominees individually or all at once?
   - **Alex Sexton** - We are voting for one nominee then tallying. Then voting for the next.

iii. **Luke Gonzales-Ruiz** - Can we do this process to similar to in-house elections?
   - **Alex Sexton** - Nominees will be stepping out during discussion.

iv. **Michael Barbosa** - Will you announce the result of each vote before proceeding to the next?
   - **Alex Sexton** - Yes

v. **Salman Sakib** - Will the other nominees be present for each other’s presentations?
   - **Alex Sexton** - No, all will be outside besides the presenting nominee, also will electronics not allowed, and Brittany will now introduce her nominees

vi. **Brittany Garcia** - As a recap of the process, a student-wide email was sent out prompting applications for the positions. Those who applied answered questions created by chief justices and exec team. 14 applicants, 5 nominees will be presented tonight. After applications, interviews were conducted to assess knowledge of the constitution, general fitness for the position, and vision for the role. They were informed of the activity of previous justices. Informed of expectations of the role. We’ll start with Jarmanese

vii. *Other justices leave room*

viii. **Jarmanese Davis** - 3-minute speech given
   i. **Jose Escobedo** - How will you prioritize your role in SGA among your obligations?
      i. **Jarmanese Davis** - I will consider it my top priority since it is so related to the career I want. I am good at time management since I have experience being involved with lots of organization’s
      ii. **Luke Gonzalez-Ruiz** - What are the weaknesses that you see in the constitution? How will you engage them?
         i. **Jarmanese Davis** - Very general areas of the const. leave too much room for interp. Conflicting statements should be resolved.
      iii. **AZ Budhwani** - How would you deal with senators who would not enjoy a ruling of yours?
         i. **Jarmanese Davis** - I would reiterate my responsibility to interpret the const. and aim to remind senators of my aim to be impartial.
         ii. **AZ Budhwani** - Some officers may not perform their constitutional duties, How would you approach that?
         iii. **Jarmanese Davis** - From my point of view, I would remind them of their constitutional responsibilities. Help others become aware they everyone needs to perform their duties as expected.
   
   - **Jack Rust** - SGA has a high turnover rate of officers due to various reasons. Are
you going to be able to work with people that you have not met or worked with yet? How do you work with people that you have no relationship with?

i. **Jarmanese Davis** - I work hard to build relationships. I have experience working with others from my time spent in various organization's. I aim to bring my excitement and curiosity to help drive collaboration.

ii. **Jack Rust** - Your expected graduation time is Spring 2020. When it comes to the end of your term, how would you go about training and mentoring your replacement?

iii. **Jarmanese Davis** - I would work hard to ensure they are adequately prepared for the job. I would perhaps go over the constitution with them so they may be aware of problematic areas. I would help make sure that they take their role seriously.

iv. **Jack Rust** - What is your best method of communication?

v. **Jarmanese Davis** - I prefer face-to-face.

- **Claudeth Garcia** - Justices are only required to meet twice a semester. How will you manage incidental meetings with senators who may need guidance or interpretation?

  i. **Jarmanese Davis** - As SGA is my priority, I would not foresee myself not being available for any of the needs of senators

  ii. **Claudeth Garcia** - Justices can remove an officer from an office. What would an officer have to do for them to warrant your action for removal?

  iii. **Jarmanese Davis** - Action against or non-compliance with the constitution may warrant my action

iv. **Claudeth Garcia** - Would conduct be a factor?

v. **Jarmanese Davis** - I would consider it.

vi. **Claudeth Garcia** - Justices have historically not been involved with reviewing potential legislation before it is read to the GA. How would your relationship be to the legislative process?

vii. **Jarmanese Davis** - I would try to make sure that senators are informed of areas of the constitution that their legislation may pertain.

- **Eric Iwanicki** - Are you going to attend every GA?

  i. **Jarmanese Davis** - I don’t know about every single GA, but I do plan on being present in GA so I can hear presentations and be in the know.

- **Claudeth Garcia - PoP** - Do we have a quorum?

  i. **Dylan Delgado** - As of the first call yes, and though some senators walked.

  ii. **Alex Sexton** - Is there a motion to call roll?

  iii. **Claudeth Garcia** - I motion to call roll.

    i. *Seconded*

iv. Motion to call roll passed by verbal vote.

v. Second Roll call taken


  i. GA has quorum
● **Salman Sakib** - I will be asking you yes-or-no questions in the interest of time. Have you read the constitution and by-laws?
  i. **Jarmanese Davis** - Yes
  ii. **Salman Sakib** - If there is a provision of the constitution that allows the president or exec mandates the GA to do something or follow certain rules, would you think that is constitutional? Yes or no?
  iii. **Jarmanese Davis** - Yes

● **Alex Sexton** - Quoting documents directly is not allowed in GA as per Robert’s Rules. The GA must agree to allow direct quoting of documents.

● **Jack Rust** - I motion to allow all senators to quote directly from documents.
  i. Seconded
  ii. Motion to allow all senators to quote directly from documents passed with verbal vote.

● **Salman Sakib** - The const. says that the secretary has discretion over what constitutes an absence. Do you think a secretary has discretion over what constitutes a presence?

● **Andrew Shelnutt - PoP** - If we are going to ask questions regarding the const., can we provide nominees with a const.?

● **Jarmanese Davis** - Yes

ix. **Luke Gonzalez-Ruiz** - I move to reduce time limit to ask questions to 3-minutes
  ● Seconded
  ● Verbal vote divided
  ● Motion to reduce the question time limit to 3 minutes passed by hand counted vote

tax. **Salman Sakib** - Do you think it is constitutional for the president to ask senators for weekly reports which is not laid out in the constitution?

  ● **Jarmanese Davis** - Yes
  ● **Salman Sakib** - Who is responsible for enforcing the constitution, the executive or the judiciary?
  ● **Jarmanese Davis** - The Executive

xi. **Kinzy Bucey** - 3-minute speech given

  ● **Jack Rust** - What does your dedication to this organization look like? What is your availability especially as your graduation may approach?
    i. **Kinzy Bucey** - I am not a part of any other organization's and so I aim to be extremely dedicated to this organization. I take it very seriously. I want to go into the military after graduation.
    ii. **Jack Rust** - What branch?
    iii. **Kinzy Bucey** - The Army
    iv. **Jack Rust** - That is the correct answer

● **Joseph Carreon** - In this past administration, communication with our justices has been spotty. How do you plan to make sure the judicial branch always available as a resource? Why do you feel you are particularly qualified for this role? Do you have any examples of past experience that has helped you?
  i. **Kinzy Bucey** - I am currently enrolled in Ethics in Criminal Justice. This class has helped me understand ethics in relation to any given role. I feel this helps me greatly.
  ii. **Joseph Carreon** - How often do you plan on attending GA?
  iii. **Kinzy Bucey** - I plan on being extremely involved in the organization and attending GAs when I can

● **Claudeth Garcia** - I was in the office when Kinzy came in for an interview. She
addressed the part. Justices have the power to remove officers from their position. What would it take for you to remove someone?

i. **Kinzy Bucey** - I would need extreme substantial evidence and then make a decision based off of that

ii. **Claudeth Garcia** - Would you consider conduct a reason for removal?

iii. **Kinzy Bucey** - If it was substantial enough

iv. **Claudeth Garcia** - What would be your involvement in the legislative process be?

v. **Kinzy Bucey** - I would make sure that senators are aware of and are upholding the constitution and by-laws

vi. **Claudeth Garcia** - Would you seek legislation to rule on before it is passed or wait until it is brought to you to rule?

vii. **Kinzy Bucey** - I would wait until presented to me

viii. **Claudeth Garcia** - You said you want to be involved in this organization. Does that mean you will attend the GAs?

ix. **Kinzy Bucey** - Yes, I plan to attend

- **Katherine Rico** - You talked about your strengths. What are your weaknesses?

  i. **Kinzy Bucey** - My patience. I have been working on it. I am not very emotionally invested. My emotions are not always present in my conduct.

- **Alicia Moreno** - As you enter your role and prepare to work with other justices. Do you consider yourself to be abiding by the letter of the law or the spirit of the law?

  i. **Kinzy Bucey** - Letter of the Law

- **AZ Budhwani** - What do you constitute as sufficient evidence for the removal of an individual from their office? A testimony?

  i. **Kinzy Bucey** - A testimony may not be enough. Perhaps if others came forward and gave similar testimony, it would be enough to warrant engagement.

  ii. **AZ Budhwani** - What if you were faced with conflicting testimonies?

  iii. **Kinzy Bucey** - I would ask the accused as well for their story. I would most likely more so consider the words of the story that is given by more people.

  iv. **AZ Budhwani** - How would you change the constitution if you could?

  v. **Kinzy Bucey** - I think it is good overall. I would probably mandate that Justices meet more than twice a semester.

- **Claudeth Garcia** - How would aim to improve voter turnout? What does good voter turnout look like to you?

  i. **Kinzy Bucey** - I would aim to create and market polling stations. I would aim to remind students of how important the elections are. I would prefer to see a voter turnout of over 50% of the student body, though I know that isn’t necessarily feasible

*Kinzy Bucey leaves the room*

- **Michael Barbosa** - I yield my voice to Salman Sakib

- **Claudeth Garcia** - Pol - I motion to request that Kinzy Bucey be brought back for further questions

  i. Seconded

  ii. Verbal vote to pass motion to bring Kinzy Bucey back for questions divided

  iii. Motion to bring Kinzy Bucey back for questions passed by count of
hands raised

- **Alex Sexton** - A reminder that electronic devices are not allowed in this meeting. I will remove you if I see you using your electronic device.
- **Jack Rust** - PoP - Metaphorically remove and not physically remove, right?
- **Alex Sexton** - I will use all of the power vested in my position to remove you from this meeting
- **Kaitlyn Law** - PoP - What does removal mean?
- **Alex Sexton** - Use an electronic device and find out. There will be no further questions regarding this

xii. **Salman Sakib** - Nowhere does in the const. that senators must abide by a dress code, do you think sons that this is cont for exec to enforce dc for ga?

- **Kinzy Bucey** - Yes
- **Salman Sakib** - Nowhere does in the const. that senators must abide by a dress code.
- **Kinzy Bucey** - Oh sorry, i didn't understand your question then, no I don’t think it’s constitutional
- **Salman Sakib** - Yes
- **John Aguirre** - PoP - the dress code policy was set forth by exec and thus is constitutional
- **Alex Sexton** - that is not a pop
- **Salman Sakib** - the constitution says the the secretary has discretion over what constitutes an absence, Do you think that the secretary has discretion over what constitutes a presence?
- **Kinzy Bucey** - yes
- **Salman Sakib** - Do you think it’ const that the president requires weekly senator reports from senators?
- **Kinzy Bucey** - yes
- **Salman Sakib** - And you have read the constitution and bylaws?
- **Kinzy Bucey** - My sections yes, I have not read the whole thing, well I read the whole thing but I didn't have time to read it before the meeting today
- **Salman Sakib** - The constitution reads program directors shall attend GA meetings, do you think they should attend
- **Kinzy Bucey** - yes, they should

xiii. *Kinzy Bucey leaves the room*

xiv. **Dylan Delgado** - People are walking out. If enough leave we will lose quorum, so please mindful of your presence if you don’t really have to leave

xv. **Brittany Garcia** - some nominees couldn’t come tonight. Kynedi Price in particular asked to be taken out of consideration but still wanted to have her video speech played.

xvi. *video speech played*

xvii. **Brittany Garcia** - I can answer questions about this candidate

xviii. **Eric Iwanicki** - Can i motion to have this candidate considered at the next GA?

xix. **Alex Sexton** - You can but please know that the nomination and justice hearing will be at the discretion of the President and Vice President Respectively

xx. **Eric Iwanicki** - I motion to have this candidate heard at a ga in the next administration

- Seconded

xxi. **Jack Rust** - As the president-elect, I think she is qualified for this job, but candidates present today have had to take questions from the GA. I think she should too. I would have her considered and bring her back in my administration

xxii. **Michael Barbosa** - I am in favor of the motion to move the hearing of this candidate to GA in the next administration should the President-elect nominate and VP place on the
agenda this candidate and her hearing

xxiii. **Lewella Odigie** - Will we hear this candidate in the next admin’s GAs?

xxiv. **Alex Sexton** - that is at the discretion of the President and Vice President. After the ending of this admin, two new justice seats will open up

xxv. **Kaitlyn Law** - I thought this person asked to be taken out of the consideration

xxvi. **Brittany Garcia** - she did, but wanted her video played.

xxvii. **Claudeth Garcia** - I move to previous question

● seconded

● motion to move to previous passed by verbal vote

● the postponing of the consideration of this nominee is postponed passed verbal vote

xxviii. **Blue Flores** - gives 3 minute speech

● **Joseph Carreon** - Regarding your research, how would you apply your work into how to raise voter population?

  Blue Flores - still under work, still collecting data, not yet, ready, though when done. I would use the insights gained from demographics data to better market elections

  Joseph Carreon - How will you stay in contact with Senate? Will you be attending some GAs? How will you make yourself available to Senate?

  Blue Flores - As a team of justices, I think will be able to come up with a plan to ensure at least one of us is able to address concerns at any given time

● **Jack Rust** - When faced with conflict, how will you react? You may have to make decisions that will make you uncomfortable.

  i. Blue Flores - I graduated high school early and had to make hard decisions like an adult. I know how to weigh all sides and come into the best conclusion

  ii. Jack Rust - this job can be time consuming, how does your schedule pan out? Are you going to regularly be able to provide your interpretations to this GA?

  iii. Blue Flores - I will be able to fulfill the responsibilities of this role. My schedule has lots of things on it. I care about this position and so I will prioritize the associated responsibilities. I care about students especially.

● **Claudeth Garcia** - What is your view on the judicial power of removal of office? What warrants removal?

  i. Blue Flores - If it is necessary, I will use the powers in the const. to act accordingly. Rules have to be followed.

  ii. Claudeth Garcia - Would conduct be a factor of removal of office?

  iii. Luke Gonzalez-Ruiz - PoP - To clarify, she is asking what would it take to get someone removed from an office in your book?

● **Alex Sexton** - Is that what you were asking, Claudeth?

  i. Claudeth Garcia - yes

● **Blue Flores** - If someone hit another person, that would obviously warrant removal of office in my book.

● **AZ Budhwani** - Why can’t you share the insights of your research yet?

  i. Blue Flores - I would be disclosing data that has not yet been approved by my supervisor.

  ii. AZ Budhwani - What do you think should be changed in the
iii. **Blue Flores** - A more defined way remove people from office. Perhaps listed items that would warrant removal.

iv. **AZ Budhwani** - Would you like to see the constitution more specific?

v. **Blue Flores** - yes, I would like to see more specific

- **Luke Gonzalez-Ruiz** - How would you maintain a high level of communication with the GA?
  
i. **Blue Flores** - I think the best kind of communication is face-to-face. I would aim to do that.

- **Claudeth Garcia** - You mentioned being involved in the election process. What are some things you would do to increase election turnout?
  
i. **Blue Flores** - I would aim to market elections better. Students don’t care about voting. I would aim to connect with students over things matter to them and connect that to the election.

ii. **Claudeth Garcia** - Would you be proactive in the judicial review? Would you be involved in the legislative process of the senate? Would you wait to for a request for a ruling or would you actively pursue a review of legislation

iii. **Blue Flores** - I would be involved during, before, and after the legislative process has occurred.

- **Katherine Rico** - What does integrity mean to you?
  
i. **Blue Flores** - A lot of people would say it means doing the right thing when no one is watching. I think it means making decisions that make you and other people feel good as well.

ii. **Katherine Rico** - You have talked about some of your strengths, What are some of your weaknesses?

iii. **Blue Flores** - Organization. As a full-time student, I can struggle with that aspect.

iv. **Katherine Rico** - Should you be confirmed as a Justice, how would you prioritize and tie in SGA with your other obligations?

v. **Blue Flores** - With regards to personal time management, I have a planner. And other tools to ensure balance.

- **Salman Sakib** - How did you hear about the opening of this position?
  
i. **Blue Flores** - I saw an email. I thought about it for a couple of days and then decided to move forward with the application.

- **Eric Iwanicki** - When do you graduate?
  
i. **Blue Flores** - may 21

- **Joseph Carreon** - PoO - I motion to limit voice time to 1 minute in the interest of time
  
i. seconded

- **Michael Barbosa** - I advise against that because you would be limiting your own voice. We need to give respect to the nominees who came out for questions.

- **Michael Barbosa** - Nowhere in the constitution does it say the GA has to abide by a dress code, Do you think it is constitutional for the executive branch to force a dress code policy? Does the executive branch have the power to enforce a dress code at the GA?
  
i. **Blue Flores** - No

ii. **Michael Barbosa** - The constitution states that the Secretary has the discretion over what constitutes an absence.
iii. **Blue Flores** - The Secretary does not have discretion over what constitutes a presence.

- **Blue Flores** - I think it is disrespectful that members of the Senate are leaving. It is disrespectful to students and officers of GA alike.
- **Michael Barbosa** - In reference to Art 4., Does the executive have the power to enforce additional requirements on the GA such as weekly Senator reports?
  1. **Blue Flores** - I will read this now to understand
  2. **Michael Barbosa** - The constitution also says that program directors shall attend general assembly meetings. The in the past execs have claimed that directors are not required to go due to the nature of their roles. What it be an in accordance to say that directors must attend general assemblies?

- **Llewella Odigie** - As a justice, you do a lot for SGA. For people who are not aware of what SGA is, they may hold inaccurate ideas about the organization. How do you plan to change the perception of the organization?
  1. **Blue Flores** - I feel having campaigns highlighting the latest activities of the SGA and how it functions could be helpful.
- **Salman Sakib** - Do you think that the power to remove people from the office gives the justices an opportunity to make a decision that my excessively harm the organization?
  1. **Blue Flores** - Are you asking me is it possible for the Judicial branch to make a wrong decision? Because the judicial branch issues opinions as a whole, I’m not sure how an answer of theirs could be “wrong.”
  2. **Salman Sakib** - Can you promise to act according to the constitution in your role and not allow the Judicial branch to become an extension of the executive branch?
  3. **Blue Flores** - I promise I will do everything in my power to ensure everyone is happy with the way the judicial branch is functioning

xxix. *Blue leaves the room*

xxx. **Connor Aldrete** - delivers 3-minute speech

- **Dylan Delgado** - What makes you especially fit for this job?
  1. **Connor Aldrete** - I want to be as available as possible. When it comes to legislation, I want the judicial branch to be as involved as possible when it comes to legislation. I feel I haven’t had an opportunity to give back to SGA.
  2. **Dylan Delgado** - Would you wait for a piece of legislation to be brought up to you to issue an opinion or rather engage with it before it is passed?
  3. **Connor Aldrete** - I think the sooner we can assess the constitutionality of an initiative, the better

- **Jack Rust** - What year are you at UTSA?
  1. **Connor Aldrete** - I am a super senior, looking at December 2020 graduation.
  2. **Jack Rust** - Are you going to be able to attend meetings that may be long, like this one tonight, on Thursdays each week? Also, How would you go about handling conflict and dissenting opinions?
  3. **Connor Aldrete** - I think the conflict and the processes I may observe in SGA are great as they are a reflection of a functioning democratic process complete with deliberation and other processes of the like. As far as conflict resolution, I think peacefully talking it out is by far the
AZ Budhwani - What are some ways you feel the constitution could be amended for the better?

- Connor Aldrete - I think that is a difficult question for me to answer until I have had experience working with the constitution. It is a living breathing document that may be more effective in certain circumstances.

- Azfar Budhwani - In the event that, that senators strongly dislike the judiciary’s opinion, what is your reaction?

- Connor Aldrete - I think it would be unfortunate that they may have bad feelings, but ultimately the judiciary’s opinion must rule. There isn’t much to be said about it.

Claudeth Garcia - Page 11 of the constitution, talks about removal from office. What would it take for you to want to remove an individual from his office?

- Connor Aldrete - it would have to be a gross violation of SGA or school policy

- Claudeth Garcia - Would conduct and constitutional violations come into play?

- Connor Aldrete - Conduct issues would most definitely warrant consideration of removal from office. As for unconstitutional behavior, it may depend on the severity of act whether or not it was intentional. The context of the situation must be evaluated

- Alicia Moreno - You mentioned that the constitution as a living document. As a potential justice, Would you consider yourself to subscribe to the letter of the law or the spirit of the law?

- Connor Aldrete - I didn’t write the constitution. So I don’t think it is my place to say what the constitution should mean beyond what is written. However, in places of ambiguity, I would be for the spirit.

*Connor leaves room*

Discussion

- Joseph Carreon - PoP - Kaitlyn Law was removed from the meeting. What does that mean?

- Alex Sexton - She has no voice and no vote.

- Joseph Carreon - Can she be readmitted in pursuit of quorum?

- Alex Sexton - We have plenty of quorum, she will not be admitted.

- Joseph Carreon - PoP - We should just vote given that questions have been asked of all candidates.

- Luke Gonzalez-Ruiz - PoP - I motion to proceed to vote on the candidates.

- Jack Rust - I understand that the GA may want to expedite this process as it has been a long night, but this a serious matter. Let’s deliberate quickly and accurately and let's get out of here.

- Luke Gonzalez-Ruiz - Their statements are important. Many of them were not well done. The crafting of their statement may be indicative of how much effort they may put into their role. It may show how much they want this job.

- Azfar Budhwani - I am in favor of Blue, I thought he was the most qualified in my eyes. His research is relevant to our cause. I think he’d be a great candidate.

- Jack Rust - Motion to set the voice time limit for discussion to 3 minutes.

- Seconded

- Motion so passed by verbal vote

- Eric Iwanicki - Kinzy and Jarmanese were both extremely professional and I
admired that aspect of them. Connor was also a great candidate.

- **Alex Sexton** - To be clear, we are voting on all eligible candidates. That’s four. To confirm a justice, ⅔ of senators present and voting. The top 3 that receive the highest number of votes that’s over ⅔ will be confirmed.

- **Jack Rust** - PoO - Is that the official way of going about this? The top three method? I feel we should vote along Brittany’s preferred order of presentation of nominees.

- **Brittany Garcia** - Today’s nominees were not presented in the order of favored nominees. I can tell you may preferred order.

- **Dylan Delgado** - Alex, would you entertain a motion from a senator to vote along Brittany’s order of preferred candidates?

- **Alex Sexton** - Yes

- **Jack Rust** - So moved.

- **Brittany Garcia** - Kinzy is first. She was very professional and had lots of questions. Connor is next very balanced in his considerations. Blue is next. He is very passionate. He sent me an extremely long email denoting his vision on life and the organization. Jarmanese next.

- **Jack Rust** - Connors graduation date worries me since he’d graduate at the start of an academic year. My preferred order is Kinzy, Blue, Jarmanese.

- **Michael Barbosa** - We are making appointments at the very last GA of this administration. This says that this is not a priority of this organization. It hinders our decision making process as well. I think making the decision of someone’s fitness for this role based on their graduation date to be short-sighted. We need to consider these candidates based on their merits. However, I am not in favor of making any nominations today. Perhaps waiting for the president-elect to nominate these individuals again would be a better idea.

- **Llewella Odigie** - It is the president’s job to nominate individuals they deem fit. I think the greater candidates would be Connor and Blue. I liked their reaction to questions.

- **Azfar Budhwani** - I think pushing back this process to the next week would be a bad idea as doing so would force new inexperienced senators to vote on crucial rules. I am not in favor of Connor due to his lackluster responses to questions regarding the constitution.

- **Salman Sakib** - I agree with AZ in that we should not push back the confirmations. However, I feel should discuss the nominees one by one. I move to discuss justices one by one keeping statements to I am in-favor and I am not in-favor.

- **Alex Sexton** - If we passed that. We would proceed in discussing one by one. We would do so in Brittany’s order of Kinzy, Connor, Blue, and Jarmanese. Voices would be reset for each nominee discussion.

- **Salman Sakib** - So moved

  i. Seconded

  ii. without objection, the candidates will be discussed seriatim
● Alex Sexton - we are now in the discussion of Kinzy
● Eric Iwanicki - I motion to end the discussion on Kinzy and proceed to Connor
  i.  Seconded
● Andrew Shelnutt - PoO - Discussion can only be followed by a vote
● Alex Sexton - Well taken, passing this motion will result in a vote being held for Kinzy. Is there anyone not in-favor of Kinzy?
● Michael Barbosa - I don’t think we should vote on any nominees today. I am not in favor of this candidate.
● Katherine Rico - I am not in favor of this candidate. I saw more passion come from Jarmanese. I also feel patience is important in this role.
● Luke Gonzales-Ruiz - I am not-in-favor of Kinzy. I feel patience is important in this role.
● Jack Rust - I am in favor of Kinzy, I think she handled herself well during the questions. I think being emotionally removed from her role can be extremely beneficial in this role.
● Azfar Budhwani - I am in-favor of Kinzy. The fact that her emotions won’t play much of a role in light of backlash to her decisions.
● Claudeth Garcia - I am in favor of this candidate, she has the time and will to dedicate her life to this organization.
● Salman Sakib - I move to previous question
  i.  seconded
  ii.  with no objection so moved to previous question
  iii.  *Alex begins passing out ballots for Kinzy vote*
● Michael Barbosa - what is our current quorum?
● Dylan Delgado - We have 19, we need 13
● Alex Sexton - If you would like to confirm this nominee, circle “content” on your ballot, if you would not like to confirm circle “not content,” if abstained from vote, put an x on the candidate. On the line reading candidate name, write “Kinzy”. When you are done, raise your hand, I will collect ballot.
● *Kinzy ballots collected for counting*
● Jack Rust - PoO- Are we swearing each one in after they win or all at once?
  i.  Alex Sexton - All at once, and we are now in discussion on Connor
● Salman Sakib - I am in-favor of Connor for his intellectual faculties as they relate to decision making and weighing the consequences of a ruling
● Jack Rust - I am now of Connor. His answers were the best of all candidates.
● Azfar Budhwani - I am not-in-favor of this Candidate. His answers were way too vague. He brought no real vision for means of interpreting the constitution.
● Shane Hoffower - I am in-favor of Connor because of his nuanced answer choices. He will bring balance to a team of justices.
● Katherine Rico - I am in-favor of Connor because of his nuanced and eloquent responses. He seemed to have a good grasp of the considerations necessary for this role.
● Jennifer Perez - I am in-favor Connor for the same reasons as Katherine and Shane. His responses were very appropriate.
● Salman Sakib - I move to previous question
  i.  seconded
  ii.  with no objection so moved to previous question
  iii.  *Alex begins passing out ballots for vote on Connor*
● Rachel Jendrzey (temporary chair) - We are now in discussion on Luke
● Azfar Budhwani - I am in-favor of Blue because of his plan of action and
vision for the role.

- **Katherine Rico** - I am in-favor of Blue because of his evident preparation and for the impression he made on Brittany with his long email.
- **Eric Iwanicki** - I am not in-favor because I want Jarmanese to have that last spot. I feel she deserves it more.
- **Salman Sakib** - PoO - Can we have the results of the last votes?
- **Alex Sexton** - no
- **Jack Rust** - we should know the results of the last vote so we can know how many spots may be left and thus vote appropriately.
- **Alex Sexton** - I am doing this out of precedent.
- **Jack Rust** - I motion to release the votes of previous candidates
  1. seconded
- **Alex Sexton** - we are still giving victory to the top 3 candidates, even though we have discussed and voted seriatim.
- **Salman Sakib** - Motion to overturn chair’s ruling to not release results of previous votes
- **Jack Rust** - we are not interested in following a precedent, we would like to know the results of the vote
- **Alex Sexton** - the results are as follows: Kinzy confirmed by a vote of 14 - 6, Connor confirmed by vote of 15 to 5
- **Salman Sakib** - I am in favor of Blue.
- **Jack Rust** - I am not in-favor of Blue, I am in favor of Jarmanese for her responses.
- **Joseph Carreon** - I am not in favor. I enjoyed Jarmanese’s responses better as well.
- **Regina Kinnard** - I am not in favor of this candidate. Jarmanese seems much more engaged and understanding of the responsibilities of the Justice Position.
- **Jose Escobedo** - I am not in favor of this candidate for many of the same reasons. I move to previous question.
  1. Seconded
  2. With no objection so moved to previous question
  3. *Alex begins passing out ballots for Blue*
  4. We are now in discussion for Jarmanese
- **Jack Rust** - I motion for a revote. I accidentally cast my ballot contrary to my intention.
- **Alex Sexton** - We are now voting again. *Alex passes out new ballots*
- **Alex Sexton** - We are now in discussion on Jarmanese.
- **Azfar Budhwani** - PoP - Can we wait to hear the results of this vote? If Blue is confirmed then there is no point on holding a vote on Jarmanese.
- **Alex Sexton** - by a vote of 9 to 11, Blue is not confirmed. We are now in discussion of Jarmanese.
- **Jack Rust** - I am in favor of this candidate. She had great answers and did a great job.
- **Joseph Carreon** - I am also in favor of this candidate. She showed great passion and potential for this role.
- **Claudeth Garcia** - I am not in favor of this candidate. She does not have the time commitment. She is spread too thin. I would like for Blue to be considered as a nominee in the future by the president-elect
- **Jack Rust** - All candidates not confirmed tonight will be considered during my administration.
● Michael Barbosa - I am not in favor of this candidate as I would not like any nominees to be confirmed tonight.
● Katherine Rico - I am in favor of this candidate because she is part of the honors college, she is part of the ambassadors program as well, which is a dying organization. I think she will have the time commitment.
● Azfar Budhwani - He responses were amazing. She showed great composure. I think she is a great candidate.
● Salman Sakib - I move to previous question.
  i. seconded
  ii. so moved by passage of verbal vote
  iii. *Alex passes out ballots for Jarmanese vote*
● Alex Sexton - by a vote of 13 to 4 to 3, Jarmanese is confirmed
● Michael Barbosa - That is not ⅔ of 20. She is not confirmed.
● Alex Sexton - because a ballot was not filled in, it was wrongfully considered an abstention. We are voting again.
● Salman Sakib - if someone abstained there is no need to recount, she is not confirmed.
● Andrew Shelnutt - Was that clarified? Was everyone aware that if you did not fill in your ballot you were abstaining from the vote?
● Jack Rust - I motion for a revote
● Alex Sexton - All those in favor of a revote say “content”, *Senators vote content*, all those not in favor, say “not content”, *Senators vote not content*
  i. Motion for revote passes by verbal vote
  ii. *Alex passes out new ballots for Jarmanese*
● Andrew Shelnutt - If you would like to abstain please put an x on your a ballot. Also note that your constituency will then have no say in this matter.
● Alex Sexton - by a vote of 15 to 3 to 2, Jarmanese is confirmed

X. Justice Swear in
A. Jack Rust - (To Nominees) Thank you all for staying here all night as the GA heard your statements and responses. Also, Thank you to the GA who held also stayed here all night. Please know that whoever does not receive a position tonight, I will nominate you in my coming administration. Please consider coming back for another hearing. You all did amazing tonight.
B. Alex Sexton - Kinzy, by a vote of 14 content and 6 not content, you are confirmed. Connor by a vote of 15 content to 5 not content, you are confirmed. Blue, by a vote of 9 content to 11 not content, you were rejected. Jarmanese, by a vote of 15 content, 3 not content, and 2 abstention, you are confirmed.
C. *Kinzy, Connor, Jarmanese sworn in*

XI. Chief of Staff Report - Eric Avila
A. Presentation of Fiesta Medals
B. Jose Escobedo moves to adjourn meeting and email out all reports
C. seconded
D. so moved by passage of verbal vote

XII. Adjournment - 9:53 pm