WHEREAS, accountability and oversight are essential functions of democratically-elected institutions.

WHEREAS, most governmental and non-governmental organizations consistently rely on independent auditing structures to assist and correct leaders in government when there is a problem.

WHEREAS, an auditing office in the SGA not only promotes transparency and accountability in the SGA, but also ensures such transparency, regardless of who is in office year-by-year.

WHEREAS, there is no current entity led by a Senate confirmed nominee that is solely responsible for following up on suspicions of negligence or misconduct, or to ensure that programs are running effectively.

WHEREAS, there should be an independent and objective entity to assist the Senate in its accountability responsibilities.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the following constitutional amendment be approved by the Senate and brought for a public referendum in the next regular election of the SGA in the Fall of 2020:

Article VI: The Judicial Branch

Section 1: Composition of the Judiciary

A) The Judicial Branch shall consist of the seven-member Supreme Court and the Advocate General, the Advocate General, the Election Board, and the Office of the Inspector General.

Section 5: The Office of the Inspector General
A. The Office of the Inspector General shall evaluate accountability and fiscal responsibility of the SGA and provide program evaluation services for the SGA as needed.

B. The Inspector General shall manage the Office of the Inspector General and shall direct the staff as necessary.

C. The Inspector General shall act as the liaison between the Office of the Inspector General and the other branches of the SGA and the general public.

D. The Inspector General may be compelled to testify in front of the Senate by majority action of the Senate.

E. The Inspector General and the OIG staff shall not be required to take any action as requested or dictated by any other member of the SGA or UNT faculty, unless allowable by SGA governing documents and UNT policy.
   a. The Office of the Inspector General may be compelled to initiate a special investigation by official majority action of the Senate or by action of the President, with just cause.
   b. The Inspector General shall have the authority to independently initiate a special investigation.

F. The Inspector General may be removed from office by a 2/3 absolute majority vote of the Senate.

G. The Office of the Inspector General shall be governed by all applicable documents of the Student Government Association, including any rules established by the Inspector General.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the subsequent numbering be amended as necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Grant Johnson  
Senator of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

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Speaker of the Senate        Date

Presidential Action:

☐ Vetoed
☐ Approved

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President of the Student Government Association     Date

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Vice President of Student Affairs       Date