



**73rd Student Senate  
Budget  
March 15th, 2021**

**Call to Order: 7:PM**

**Members Present:** Stinson, Gonzales, Bateman, Destine, Gonzalez, Melian, Molina, Rossi, Tackett, Thorpe, Gonzales, Melian

**Members Absent:**

**Members Tardy:** None.

**Guests:**

**Announcements:** None.

**Committee Business:** Bill 21

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None.

Gabay: Thank you for you support of the JSU bill

Stinson: Thank you. We will be hearing the ASU bill, and senator Daraldik is here. 5 minutes for opening.

Daraldik: Good evening, and I am humbled at the historic opportunity that we have. The ASU was an rso started in 2017, and I served with ASU and have seen firsthand the great work that we can accomplish. It's an opportunity to give this community a voice on campus. We will be a community that is not considered in the next 10 years due to the census. We want to give the arab community a space and I am excited to answer any and all questions about this bill.

Stinson: Yields 2 min and 36 sec for closing. Technical non debatable?

Bateman moves to enter TND

Rigiduel seconds

Rigiduel: What is the average turnout at ASU?

Daraldik: When it comes to our past GBMs, we would have approximately 30 to 40 students who come to the gbm and participate, but overall we had over 70 members in total.

Rigiduel: have there been talks about what they would be requesting in terms of budget?

Daraldik: We don't plan on asking alot like the other agencies, we want to see what we need first before we get a number for that. There's one event I can think of but basically we had estimated around 2000 cost at the event which would have been an opportunity to create sponsorships and relationships with other RSOs. Our hope is be able to do that ASK a event when we become a staple. We are first looking for an opportunity to be established.

Stinson: There were some really questions that we had to work through with the JSU for about 8 months and I was wondering if you had some of these mapped out. So member count

Daraldik: around 40 active members but considering the potential affiliates that number could rise.

Stinson: what programming have you had over the school year?

Daraldik: We have had 3 years of gbms and events so when it comes to that we do have scheduled events. We have had a GBM discussing the middle east and what countries are involved. we talk about all those different identities and how those communities have affected american societies, and we discuss how Arabs are viewed in western society. Since covid we probably had 3 GBMs, but pre covid it was monthly. Recently we have not been able to do that because of COVID

Stinson: Do you have a plan for long term leadership?

Daraldik: when it comes to continuity we are in contact with incoming students and we are still working on reaching out to the middle eastern studies department and get to talk with students who would want to be apart of our organization. There has never been a way for us to track middle eastern identity so we can't say for sure how many arabs are on this campus.

Stinson: So you know what you guys want to do?

Daraldik: yes the people in administrative positions know where we want to take the ASU.

Stinson: have you had conversations with Exec? Because thats where this is going after senate.

Daraldik: yes I had a recent conversation with JEane pierre and we talked about the agency and the potential for it.

Stinson: great, thank you so much

Rigiduel: How would the ASU leadership respond to a non arab student in the ASU leadership?

Daraldik: I think if someone wants to serve it would be that they understand the role they will take on and be sure that ASU continues because we are here to create a space to welcome

allyship and celebrate our culture and contributions. I think it would be a bring in space rather than trying to exclude people

Rigiduel motions to move into the round table.

Stinson: I want to make sure this budget committee can really look at this so I suggest that we table this and a lot of these things aren't necessarily there yet. I would be friendly to make a motion to table this bill

Rossi: Moves to table bill  
Bateman Seconds

Rigiduel Objects

Rigudel: Yes  
A Gonzalez: Yes  
Rossi: No  
Bateman: No  
Tackett: Yes  
Thorpe: No  
Melian: Yes  
R Gonzales: No  
Stinson: No

Bateman: I think that I am concerned about this possible agency's attendance because that really is the bar of entry as far as future agencies and I don't feel there is the presence on the campus to warrant the moving of the agency at this time.

A Gonzalez: Col can you clarify what we are talking about

Col : in regards to?

A Gonzalez: What are we talking about right now.

Col: The ASU. I want to see this happen and want to be a thing.

Daraldik: It is heartbreaking to see how when senator says that there is not enough support from the community because these groups I refer to are onboard with what we are doing but beyond that we are in the process of organizing an alumni network, and there never has been a space for the arab community to have a seat at the table to vocalize the concerns that we have had. We don't even know the amount of us on campus. We can have more serious conversations once we are a Union, and other unions have the demographics but we lack that entirely. My community is marginalized and I feel like I'm being marginalized again. I am frustrated

Stinson: I get it, if there is a need for this agency then it should be on campus but a lot of these things are unknown and you do this through programming, and if you do have that community on campus then you have to show that there are these people and you've said that you have not had any events cus covid we still don't understand if that is a need and i think that is really important to conceptualize a lot of these numbers and you said that there could be a thousand arab student or 10,000 and it is an unknown. We just need to know these statistics so it can

serve the community. A Lot of these funding aspects ur saying ur in these conversation, it seems like those things aren't worked out yet, and there needs to be a lot more development and finite things before it had complete union status, We just need to make sure this is a union that is sustainable, but it is our job as a committee to make sure all of these kinks are worked out.

Rigiduel: So I don't think the same. I think things start small and give them the opportunity to get big. They need to start somewhere, you scale. It has to start somewhere, and I think arab students have a lack of representation on campus and I think agency status will help them with that. In order for them to get this status they have to get there and this is going to have to be debated on senate floor at some point but to stop them at this point would be sad. These people need representation and it is sad to see this bill tabled in budget today.

Stinson: It is not like they do have a place, and that is what JSU had to do and gain numbers so they could become an agency and that is the startup i think ASU would need.

Rigiduel: Putting Arab students and Jewish students makes sense but even if there is less people going to these events they still need that space.

Stinson: That's why this is tabled because we need to work out the kinks it is simply tabled.

Bateman: I think we are thinking very similar. You can have alumnus donate to RSOs and donations as well. I see no reason why you need to be an agency to build a coalition, i think these are all things that can happen right now, and giving it a new title might not change this issues as far as participation.

Rossi: There were alot of unknowns and whenever a project is launched, you have to have everything in place and that is why i tabled it. I want ASU to succeed in what they are doing and have the metrics and programming. The arab community is unrepresented and what I want to see is them prime for success at launch

Melian: I just wanted to say that I voted yes for the objection. I want to keep a motion out of this but this is budget committee senator daraldik is not asking for a large amount of money but it will build the community. There is not alot of money being asled for and there is structure to it

Daraldik: Listening to the concerns heard i just want to say that when it comes to the budget we are not asking for any money really especially when it comes to establishing us as an agency. For us we are working on the coalition building which has been going for 3 years as an RSO and has been receiving that RSO status every single year. Being a union will allow the Unknowns to become knowns. We don't have the privilege to know how many community members are here. There are so many of us that go into these demographics and our administration needs to help us figure out. It is hurtful to say the least that a community does not know how many members are apart of the community because no one has cared about it enough to occur.

Stinson: I want to work with you to get that changed because Arabs should not have to put white on ethnicity categories.

Daraldik: we have been an RSO for 3 years and now is a great time for us to become an agency. It is sad that every time I bring attention to the community I get shot down for what I try to bring to the table.

Rigideul: So what harm is this doing to the student body right? We are supposed to be helping students. What makes ASU different than ASU

Stinson: We don't see any harm with this at all, we just want to make sure it is sound and make sure that this is the best possible agency and once again it is tabled not voted down. And I will work with Daraldik on every concern that I have to make sure that gets addressed.

England: This is a hopefully common sense transaction. This is sending 1720 to the center of leadership and global change. To my understanding there is a cultural graduation that includes the seminole tribe of FL and they are looking to purchase Stoles for this semester and they are looking to senate.

Bateman moves to enter TND  
Rigiduel seconds

Bateman moves to enter roundtable  
Rigiduel seconds

Bateman: I support this

Bateman moves to call the questions  
R Gonzales seconds

R Gonzales: Yes

Bateman: Yes

Rigiduel: Yes

Melian: Yes

Rossi: Yes

Stinson: Closing announcements none. I will go ahead and list my concerns and we can discuss them. Feel free to reach out.

Bateman: I think this is my last senate meeting ever.

Stinson: I am working on something for budget and hopefully my idea is cool but yea.

Bateman: You guys are my favorite group of people in senate

Bateman moves to adjourn

R Gonzales seconds

**Final Announcements:** none

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** TBD

**Adjourned: 8:00pm**