



**73rd Student Senate
Budget
February 23rd, 2021**

Call to Order: 6:01 p.m.

Members Present: Stinson, R. Gonzales, A. Gonzales, Bateman, Tackett, Riguidel, Melian, Rossi

Members Absent: Molina, Destine, Thorpe

Members Tardy: None.

Guests: Cohen, Randall, Gabay, Marcus

Announcements: None

Committee Business: Bills 11, 13

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Stinson: We will first hear bill 13

Public comments:

Gabay: I want to thank you guys for having me here. I am president of the Jewish Student Union. JSU is fiscally responsible putting on 14 events with \$200. We will all be certified and held to the same standards. With increased budget we can fund better programming for everybody. We plan to optimize any budget that we get for viability.

Cohen: I have been involved in the JSU since we first started eventually pursuing agency status basically everyday. A lot of the budget is because we did not have any pre-existing materials or budget funding from SGA. ONCE an RSO becomes an agency. Supporting this bill is supporting our position with the other agencies on campus. Just keep in mind the feasibility of what this bill could mean.

Stinson Relinquishes ChairShip to Vicechair Gonzales

Randall: The main thing I wanted to do is preface and say how much this is of a long time coming it's been in the work for about 8 months. This happened after conversations with pretty much everyone involved in this process and this is a collective effort in a cultural hub and have that impact.

Stinson: working with Shayna and Randall on this has been great and it is something that is long overdue and alot of these people are looking for a home and it is something that could serve in that capacity. We typically have no really had that chance to offer alot to our students and with this bill we can make a great impact.

Sponsors yield with 2:45

*Rigiduel moves to enter round table
Bateman seconds*

Rigiudael: did the JSU once have agency status?

Randall: it was up until 10 years ago if not more. It's been a little over a decade.

Rigiduel: why did it get moved down?

Randall: there was a statute for a revision committee and they thought at the time the committee was not performing well at all so they moved it down. But that does not speak to how they are doing now i mean they have had 14 events in the past semester.

Rigiduel: What will happen to the prominent RSOs like Hillel?

Randall: The advisory council really helped with this. It is created to ensure a mutual collaboration among a RSO that may be an ally of the jewish community, so they would apply to be in the advisory council and they talk about issues the community is facing and they have the opportunity to really dissect how this agency works. We have given this council powers to ensure transparency. We have also given powers to remove people with a 2/3 majority of the council. Any interested RSO can apply

Bateman: When we wrote the proviso language for budget I was worried about this because I ensured to itemize which agency directors got OPS so there are no conflicts in the proviso language so our budget would not be thrown out of whack , just wanted to make sure we followed up on that

Rigidel: Does that mean that any identity based RSO claims agency status in the future?

Bateman: theoretically yea because we are determining that threshold

Randall: The same way that the VSU became an agency the JSU is now doing because the culture is there, the population is there it shows true intentions

- A. Gonzalez: I wanna say I was really uncomfortable when one of the sponsors said that this is one of the other agencies but better but it made me feel not good but with that said my main issue with this is that at the end of the day it can be cultural or religious or whatever it is. Anything that effects the muslim palestinian arab community is not attached to this bill. The only way that it would be okay is if we also made an arab student union that allows representation of the entire student body. It looks that we are choosing. I think it is very disrespectful

Rigiduel: I dont think they meant any disrespect at all I just want RSOs to come to us, I dont think they meant to be disrespectful

A gonzalez: you have to understand that this is a body that when SJP comes there are always issues about fiscal responsibility.

Rigiduel: If other committee members are okay with this i am okay with attaching all other Student unions and RSOs on campus

Bateman moves too call the questions

Rigiduel: seconds

Randall: We think it is really important and the impact of the budget will be minimal. Just as a preface to everything else yall have said is that people reached out to student sof the arab and muslim community and there was no interest. If the arab student union wishes to go through this process you guys should consider them the same. It connects community and culture. When there is acommunity there is oppressed they need to get that representation.

Roll Call Vote:

Bateman: Yes

Stinson: Yes

Rigiduel: Yes

Tackett: No

A Gonzalez: No

Rossi: Yes

Melian: Yes

Bill 13 passes with 5 yesand 2 no

Relinquish chairship

Stinson: Now we will hear Bill 11

Marcus: before I was a senator this was an issue and now that I am here as a senator I wrote this bill that will install changing tables in both men and womens bathrooms. I already checked and saw that there were already changing tables but we do need more. Gender neutral bathrooms typically have them but not every building has them.

Tackett moves to enter round table

R Gonzales Seconds

Tackett: I fully support this bill and from personal experience it would absolutely help the community and it helps alot of people.

Bateman: I think we heard something about this on sweepings. I said during this if i made 150 drills and some concrete screws but if that how much it costs ill support it in sweepings I just think it's a lot of money. I am kinda joking guys

R Gonzales moves to call the question

Tackett seconds

Marcus: That cost is high because you have to make sure they are safe for people to use. I feel like this is pretty much common sense. And to follow up on sweepings they identified 12 locations so I reached out to senate execs and see if the senate could ask for more sweepings and now that we have gotten that money I will be seeing a second round of this bill. I feel this applies to more than just students as well like faculty and staff and graduate students. For those individuals it will be beneficial.

R Gonzales: Yes

Bateman: Yes

Tackett: Yes

Rossi: YEs

A Gonzales: Yes

Riguduel: Yes

Melian: Yes

Stinson: Final announcements?

Tackett: I fully support a JSU I just want to see an arab student Union in the same bill I'm sure that it will pass with a senate as well and I do want to see collaboration later on

Randall: I really appreciate the budget committee hearing this bill and I think it is an important moment for FSU. It warms my heart you guys are looking out. Thank you.

R Gonzales moves to adjourn

Bateman seconds

Committee adjourned at 6:56