

IN THE STUDENT SUPREME COURT  
IN AND FOR THE FLORIDA STATE  
UNIVERSITY

DANIELLE PINTO

Plaintiff,

v.

AHMAD DARALDIK

Defendant.

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*Monilla, J. writing for the Court.*

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

**Jurisdiction**

Pursuant to Section 3(C)(2) and 3(C)(4) of Article IV of the Florida State University Student Body Constitution, this Student Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction over alleged “violations of the Student Body Constitution and Statutes” and the ability to issue writs of mandamus.

**Factual and Procedural Background**

On July 7, 2020, Danielle Pinto petitioned this Court to issue an order recommending the permanent removal of Ahmad Daraldik as Florida State University Student Government Association Senate President

(hereinafter, “FSU SGA Senate President.”)

Plaintiff’s demand stems from alleged antisemitic comments made by the Defendant online and offline while sitting as a Senate President. Plaintiff cites to a video posted by Defendant on his personal social media account where defendant allegedly equated Israeli policy to Nazi Germany policy. Plaintiff further asserts in the complaint that “members of the FSU Student Senate are complicit in violating Student Body Statute Chapter 206.1 because they have upheld a double standard by removing Jack Denton from his position for discriminatory remarks but allowed Ahmad Daraldik to remain in his position despite making discriminatory remarks.”

**Holding**

The issue is now moot because Jack Denton has effectively been reinstated as Senate President. The relief being requested has been resolved because the Defendant no longer sits as the Senate President.

Notwithstanding the mootness of the relief being sought, it is instructive to point out that the Defendant is endowed with the First Amendment rights guaranteed by the Constitution. In a prior action against the same Defendant, this court held that Jack Denton was unconstitutionally removed from his position as Senate President based on statements he made as a private citizen.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Denton v. Daraldik*, FSU S. Ct. 2020-CA-1.

We extend the same application in the instant case. Here, Defendant is free to communicate information, ideas, and opinion through his speech or conduct as a private citizen.<sup>2</sup> Defendant, acting in his capacity as a private citizen, made the alleged statements on his personal social media account. Furthermore, the alleged statements did not result in the infringement of any person's substantive rights guaranteed by the Florida State University Student Government Association Constitution and Statutes, and State and Federal Constitutions.

Ultimately, this case is dismissed because there is no longer a live controversy. This case is moot since Defendant has effectively been removed from his position when Jack Denton was reinstated as FSU SGA Senate President.

The Complaint is hereby **DIMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

**DONE AND ORDERED**, this the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2020, in Tallahassee, Florida.

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<sup>2</sup> See U.S. Const. amend. I.