STUDENT SENATE AUTHORIZATION 2015-119

TITLE: Funding for VISA Sub-Organization: Arab Students' Association

AUTHOR: Senate Allocations Committee

AMOUNT: $1,400.00

Special Request for:

Arab Students' Association

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Total for Arab Students' Association $1,400.00

President: Marisa Mato

Active Members: 50

Purpose:
VISA's mission is to promote cultural diversity and awareness to the UF student body through hosting and helping the sub-organizations host various cultural events throughout the year. The Arab Students' Association seeks to build, unite, and empower the Arab community on campus through various cultural, social and educational events. They strive to provide an inclusive, welcoming and friendly "home away from home" for all members. Furthermore, ASA strives to promote, celebrate, and raise awareness about Arab culture at the University of Florida, eradicate stereotypes, and provide a "cultural education" of the rich heritage of the Middle East and North Africa to all interested students.

Activities:
ASA strives to organize relevant and interesting cultural, social and educational events, to reach out and cater to as many students as possible and to create a sense of family and safe space for many members seeking community, friends, or a chance to de-stress. Their cultural events celebrate and promote the Arab culture through numerous ways: arts, music, food, traditions, etc. They also
strive to advocate for greater recognition and inclusion of Arab Americans on the UF campus, and have spearheaded the proposal to establish a Middle Eastern Studies minor.

Proviso: *This allocation will exhaust at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2016*

Susan Webster  
Senate President  
10/23/15

Nicholas Carre  
Student Body Treasurer  
10/29/2015

David Kratzer  
Vice President for Student Affairs  
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