

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
Oct 19, 2018 at 5:10pm

Attendees: Afia Poku, Travis Friday, Giovanni Hosang, Balqees Jama, Tim Maruti, Aishwariya

Meeting Agenda:

- Territory Recognition - SOCA recognizes we are on the unceded territories Coast Salish Territories of the Musqueam, Kwikwetlem, Squamish and Tsleil-waututh and we recognize the importance of this acknowledging that this land has never been granted, surrendered nor sold to any government but taken by force and it is with that in mind that we work toward anti-oppression and decolonization in advancing the work of recognizing indigenous sovereignty in the advocacy that we also partake in.
- Rounds (Name, Something about yourself that's not known to everyone, Access needs, One thing you had good this week and one you're looking forward to)
- Approve Minutes from Last Meeting.
- Report of Officers:
 - Travis
 - Meeting Review with ASA
 - ASA had requests
 - Endorsements pending request from groups
 - If input needed, send off an email for endorsements(Cultural Night)
 - That SOCA not automatically post logo collaboration as was agreed on in the past, should be done on a case by case basis via email
 - Space campaign situations and concerns were also raised and addressed. Regarding the Black Spaces Matter campaign
 - Clarity given by SOCA regarding the formation of SOCA and timeline
 - Afia
 - Dancers for Impact Gala performance Oct 12

- Report on Impact Gala: Great event, 1 free ticket Suleiman from Kenya represented at the event throughout the night
- Taste of Africa Catering Quote for Cultural Night
 - Budget Info: \$400 negotiable
- Cultural Events Committee meeting plan
 - Create Whatsapp group,
 - Giovanni contacts **Abdul**
 - Balkees: Secondary for whatsapp, reach out to people for confirmation that they want to join whatsapp
 - Phone Call with TK Ajayi from KaraKata Society
 - Willing to help with the Cultural Night
 - DATE: Nov 17
- Myinvolvement:

Afia will talk to ISS first

Reach out to MyInvolvement: Giovanni to email myinvolve.sfu.ca to find out how to get volunteer hours mapped to student hours
- Giovanni:
 - Report and Recommended Actions on Meetings with Groups and Personnel
 - SFSS AGM on Monday Sep 24 Review
 - SOCA raised concerns on the record.
 - Recap: Reiterated astonishment with the removal of the SFSS Anti-Racism policy
 - SFSS be held accountable for the discussions with the Rotunda Community
 - Burnaby MP Terry Beech:
 - Upcoming Meeting
 - Giovanni to reach out to contact
 - Rotunda Community Meetings
 - Rotunda Community sent letter to the SFSS
 - Meeting Oct 18
 - Updates from all groups.

CJSF: Renovations 800k

SFPIRG: Sent letter to SFSS

SOCA: No update
 - Met with Nelson from South Africa for Nov 14 Discussion Wednesday. Expropriation of Land without Compensation in South Africa.
 - Wants to make sure students know of the issue before
 - When we send out we should send a video and have people have some background/context with the issue

- Breakfast with Petter - Ali Versi spoke to SOCA issues
SFU says they can't get involved because "can't get involved with student politics"
Small group of students that have a disproportionate amount of power and making decisions that hurt equity-seeking groups
Petter states that SFU brought up that they were to pay for renovations to renovate SFPIRG(in rotunda community), SFSS said no.

Understanding that Rotunda groups would be accommodated in the SUB...

WC, OOC, FNSA, SOCA, Embark, CJSF, WC

- Report on people reaching out to the various DSUs for support
 - International Studies SU
 - History SSU
 - Giovanni reached out, willing to amplify on social media
 - MBB
 - World Lit SU
 - Environment SU
 - Geography SU
- Interest for Nominations for Vacant positions posted:
 - **External Relations Officer:**
 - **Internal Relations Officer:**
 - **Events Coordinator:**
 - **First Year Rep (Exec At-large):**
 - **Treasurer (Multiple Year):**
 - **Nominations Closed Oct 27, 2018**
 - To be decided at this meeting. Nominating Committee in determining eligibility. Nominees Must be SFU Student and in line with the work of SOCA and show vested interest. Nominating committee can consist of members not running in the election as well as anyone in general membership.
 - Elections Nov 2. In-meeting election at SFPIRG.
- Discuss Motion to Appoint Nominating Committee as stated in the SOCA Constitution (VI.3) Nominations will be vetted for suitability by a Nomination Committee who will determine the candidates level of commitment to the club's overall goal.
 - Nominating Committee of three persons
 - Nominating Committee will get the results of the forms and confirm each person's intention

To appoint Nominating Committee: Afia Poku, Travis Friday, Giovanni HoSang

- Nominating Committee will confirm with each possible candidate. Election for positions that pass the nominating stage will be conducted as shown in SOCA Constitution (VI.6)
- Reimbursement for payments made over the summer (Discussion)
 - Discuss Motion to reimburse Giovanni HoSang for purchases
 - As discussed last meeting
 - Decision taken to move to reimburse half \$221.40 in this meeting.
- Committees

(Committees may be comprised of any volunteer and may represent SOCA pending approval from the Executive Body. The people who signed up to be a part of each committee is on the volunteer [form](#))

 - Cultural Night Meetings scheduled, Get Update from Committee member.
 - Planning Document: Create Whatsapp Group with People for planning. People can add things as necessary.
 - Culture Night Planning Doc:
To Create Whatsapp group
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gCSCTI8WGH4THfGwkGpAu3R6Tq9V2A_T8KJbZj0aTo8/edit?usp=sharing
 - To Look at Pub Night for Nov 9. Club Ilia Maybe. Start reaching out to people
 - Who to create Whatsapp group
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14DmTxsj3qHtZdGEI7kvy705q8QX99ZCp5ISJPg6vQjY/edit#gid=852274195>
- Campaign Planning for SPACE (Discussion)
 - Last meeting was at 640, now at 858 signatures.
 - Get letters of support from **DSUs** and Orgs
 - Environment - Afia contact Jewel for info
 - Geography
 - World Literature
 - IS - (Abdul to talk to IS)
 - Nov to discuss, Abdul to confirm if he can attend meeting
 - HSSU (Giovanni to get in touch via Joanna)
 - HSSU committed to amplifying on Social Media
 - Social Justice Centre at UBC, TSSU
 - Sent letter of SFSS
 - MBB (Aiswariyah)

- Rotunda Community
 - SOCA sent in logo and our 4 value statements
 - All orgs will send in 'how we execute or values. Overlapping values will be used as the RC shared values on our promo material
- Last Events Reports
 - Last Discussion Wednesday: Oct 24, by Travis, Mental Health in the Black Community, People off campus came up. 8 attendees
- Report on new Revenue and Expenses
 - Shirts: Gio to gave in \$18.00 from Abdul purchase

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Cultural Night Committee from Volunteer List : Abdul
- My Involvement contacting
- Discussion Wednesday on South Africa to send out
- Pub Night Venue booking

Motions

1. **Whereas**, a sum of money \$442.81 was used to purchase items for the Black Community Services Centre as per receipts shown
Be it resolved that \$221.40 be approved as reimbursement for Giovanni HoSang as per discussion above
 (Moved by Travis, Seconded by Afia Poku, 4 Yes, 1 abstain)
Carried
2. **Whereas**, Election requires a Nominating Committee
Be it resolved, that Giovanni HoSang, Afia Poku and Travis Friday be appointed to be on the Nominating Committee
Carried

Open issues or concerns

1. **Sandrine** wanted to pitch Black Girl Magic Workshop @ SFU
 - a. Still to meet with Paola of Women's Centre
2. Paola candle-lighting and storytelling: Roots Ancestry
 - a. Bring it up in meeting with Paola
3. Printed and endorsed SOCA Dance Workshops \$15 dollars!!!!!! (original price is \$50)

Meeting Adjournment moved by Travis Frida, Seconded by Afia Poku.

Meeting Adjourned 6:29