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## **+SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**

**April 5, 2019 at 5:25pm - Call to Order**

**ATTENDEES:** Balkees Jama, Afia Poku, Nancy A, Lulu Jama, Jaylynn Barth, Juanita Julius, Flourish Adeogun, Sarah Osifo, Ali Luna, Abdulkadir Yusuf, Travis Friday, Giovanni HoSang, Nathan Ngongo,

## **MEETING AGENDA**

### **TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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. It's important that we center indigenous voices and are allied with them in the advocacy that we do.

### **ROUNDS**

(Name, Access need, What you looking forward to this weekend)

### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- **Approved**

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- President - Afia
  - Tuition Freeze Update
    - Report on Meeting with the TSSU and Working group to have with Eji
    - Moved to 3pm and Eji stood in for the meeting
      - Reach out to Eji to hear what happened at the meeting
  - Candle Collage Event with Paola
    - Deferred till Next Semester **[To-Do]**
- Vice President - Sebastian
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- Treasurer - Nathan
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009 **[To-Do]**
    - With Jessica at the end of the sem
  - Finance Report
    - Money Deposited:

- **TSSU's** Donation Remaining for Campaign Use
    - \$280 Remaining (Gio has this in his bank account)
  - Giovanni to Deposit \$1000 from Cultural Night for SFSS Cheque Reimbursement [**To-Do**]
- Cheques Written:
  - Cheque #241 of **\$100.00** for First Nations Students Association passed from **14/12/2018 Motion 1** as Donation towards FNSA Powwow - [**DONE**] - To be given to FNSA  
Signees: Giovanni HoSang and Travis Friday
- SFSS Cheque Requisitions update
  - Giovanni to get requisition from Catch Ah Vybz Icebreaker 2019 [**To-Do**]
- Transfer account signees, set up meeting with Scotiabank
  - Email address of personnel in [sfusoca@gmail.com](mailto:sfusoca@gmail.com)
  - Should be done in May [**To-Do**]
- **Balance** of Bank Account: \_\_\_\_\_
- External Relations Officer - Flourish
  - Email for Final Fete Agreement
    - Not done yet [**To-Do**]
- Internal Relations Officer - Jasmine
  - Ensure Jasmine's name is updated in SFSS Council
- Secretary - Eileen
  - Membership list update
    - **# of Members: 357**
    - **1 subscribed, 0 unsubscribed**
    - First one sent this Wednesday
  - Sub-Association work
    - SSA: Already agreed
      - Signed [**DONE**]
- Events Coordinator - Juanita
  - Final Fete Pub Night
    - Final Fete Moved to April 19
    - \$5 out of \$10 for each advanced tickets sold
    - \$3 for early bird tickets sold
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- Exec at large - Frank
  - Suggestion for Event with Iranian, ALAS, Arab Stu Assoc
    - To decide who to reach out to the clubs
      - Event with many cultural groups (At The Study) [**To-Do**]
      - Work With Balqees
- Exec at large - Balqees
  - Study Hall Report
    - Good, few people showed up. Same people but beneficial.

- Studying in groups which was good
    - Event booking process fine
  - Organizing Study Hall one for last week of exams
    - Room booked
- Exec at large - Representatives
  - Grad Rep - Eji :
    - Tssu/TFN updated
  - 1st Year Rep - Osob :
    - SSA liaison
  - FIC Rep - Shaun:

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- SOCA Appreciation -
  - Afia presenting:
    - Old Exec Members
      - Gio and Trav especially | Catch Ah Vybz happening and big and bringing all the external people in when SOCA was
      - 'dormant'. All execs have been so amazing and appreciates the work that everyone has done.
    - Dancers
- Final Fete
  - Afia: off campus and we need to be careful we organizing. NO money incentive
  - Gio: Money can be used to incentivize people fo promote parties
- Afro Vybz: UBC and Fortune Saga
  - Jasmine: not pleased with taking advantage. Shady how we were treated. Taking advantage of name and she thinks it's working. The name of the party being changed to 'afrovibes' is still problematic
  - Sarah: I applaud SOCA for sticking to our guns and standing, but if we went ahead UBC would be expected to understood. For the new party it's a learning experience.
  - Flourish: understood what they were saying, at the end of the day we stood with them and we have to push to connect as a community
  - Afia: We originally decided to do it twice a year. UBC brought a lot of people. BSU. Given
  - Juju: we should center community over everything else and SOCA is beyond parties..
  - Gio: UBC would been understanding if we went ahead. Ubc said they would understand if we did without them however theory not same as practice. He personally would not like if ubc did that to us. Prefer community over profits. Said Open to affiliated party but displeased with the ultimatum that was given to us
  - Ali: understood that it was a big deal that was offered. Maintain the level of PR and one of the biggest organizers. Lot of people want another afrovybz
  - Abdul:

- Suggested a new venue if the new exec would wish to. We need to be careful and have things in writing
- Events Timeline
  - SFU Final Fete: April 20
- Transition Retreat Reflection
  - How was it?
    - Bad attendance, good to build relations.
    - Old president do the retreat
  - Suggestions and/or concerns?
    - Long retreat hot seat questions
    - Maximum of X questions for the retreat
- Set up actual events Timeline for the Next Semester: Tentative Dates (See spreadsheet)
  - Summer IceBreaker (May 17)
  - General Meetings (Starts 24th)
  - Jouvert on the Mountain 2019: July 1
  - FIC Event:
  - Panel Discussion with ASA???
  - Caribbean Day Festival: July 27 and July 28
    - Parade float at 10am on the 27th
    - With the Grenada band
  - Event with Residence: to introduce first years to SOCA.
    - Mentor / Buddy Program (Planning Team : Afia, Tim, Eileen, Shaun, Simran, Gio)
    - Message Reslife for space on Welcome Day
  - Discussion Wednesdays:
    - May 29 : China in Africa: Investment or Neocolonialism (Tim Maruti)
    - June 12: Paradox of Identity, Who is Black:
    - July 10: Black Identity in South America: Afro Latinx
    - Aug 7: African/Caribbean/African-American/Latinx/African Diaspora dilemma

## **REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS**

- Council Update
  - Creation of a committee that will go to board meetings
    - Suggested Council Operation Training by possible group SFPIRG
- Space Issue Support:

## **COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE**

- Nominating Committee
  - Check with sebastian for his reimbursement
- Social Justice, Advocacy and Outreach Committee
  - SOCA Space Campaign:
    - Synopsis

- Letter to SFSS Board Elect
- New Strategy:
  - Attend Board Meetings (First Meeting: 23rd May)
- To report on Tshirt printing machine from the \$280 remaining for the black spaces matter campaign. Not done.
- Pick a date to start campaigning in the Summer. Suggested Campaign meeting before the icebreaker on May 17.
- Send an invite for a meeting with the Board Elect to discuss matters with them **[To-Do] [Suggested Day to send email 1st May]**
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
- Cultural Events Committee
- BCSC Committee (Eileen)
  - Library list to completed **[To-Do]**
  - Email and call people to return the books **[To-Do]**
- SOCA Dancers
  - To dance at Final Fete
- NSA
  - Events : Beach Party **[To-Do]**
- SSA
  - MOU signed **[Done]**

## MOTIONS

1. **Whereas**, Afia Poku has spent money for the Printing of SOCA Appreciation certificates.  
**Be it resolved**, that Afia Posts be reimbursed \$22.87 for the Printing costs.  
**Balkees moved / Juju seconded**  
**CARRIED**

## OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

None

## ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC (To keep track of to-do's above)

- **Afia**
  - Candle Collage Event with Women Center
  - Email New SFSS Board Elect
- **Jessica**
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009
- **Nathan**
  - Reach out to the bank to sort out the transfer of signatories
- **Eileen**
  - Library list to be completed
  - Call people to return the books

- **Tim**

- Event with many cultural groups (The Study) **[to-do]**
- May be taken over by other member

**Meeting Adjournment moved by Balqees , Seconded by \_\_\_\_Afia\_**

Meeting Adjourned at \_7:28\_\_ pm