

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
Nov 30, 2018 at 4:45pm

Attendees: Travis Friday, Afia Polu, Giovanni HoSang, Jessica Dickson, Abdulkadir Yusuf, Balkees Jama, Lema Ghaillan

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, Access needs, What are you looking forward to for Christmas?)
- Approved Minutes from Last Meeting.
 - approved
- Report of Officers (What did you work on):
 - Afia
 - Candle Lighting Event with Paola
 - No meeting yet
 - Membership list update
 - 2 people unsubscribed
 - Jessica
 - Ellen show dance decision
 - Not enough time
 - Finance Report (w/Gio)
 - Money Deposited:
 - \$409.35 cash deposited into account - **done**
 - \$294 from Tribal Night
 - \$115.35 from Proceeds of SOCA shirts
 - \$120.00 deposited into account from Eventbrite payout from Tribal - **done**
 - \$125 cheque deposited from the Trinidad Association of BC - **done**
 - Karakata gave us \$200 (**To Be Deposited**)

- \$400 from Proceeds of Cultural Night **(To Be Deposited)**
 - Cheques Written:
 - Cheque #233 of \$221.00 for Giovanni HoSang passed from **19/10/2018 Motion 1**.
Signees: Giovanni HoSang and Travis Friday
 - Cheque #234 of \$300 for Afua B Poku previously passed from **07/09/2018 Motion 3**.
Signees: Giovanni HoSang and Travis Friday
 - **Balance** of Bank Account: **still waiting for November**
- Abdul
 - Discussion Wednesday Nov 21 report
 - Informing, roughly 11 people came to the discussion
 - Nelson enjoyed
 - Pub Night with Terry Beech Nov 29 report
 - Didn't attend, but update from the Office of the MP
 - Cultural Night report
 - Successful, Rough beginning, Giovanni reprimanded SFSS for missing stuff, tables, no table cloth, chairs, Stage very small
 - Had to do a lot of on-the-day-of.
 - Travis says we should check on the list even when rushed so that this doesn't happen again
 - Corbett: We should ensure that there is an event report and survey on report
 - Afia: People Loved the hospitality of event and how we were going around telling people
- Balkees
 - Black Displacement in Vancouver group presentation report
 - Balkees didn't go, should apologize
 - Nov 29 Harbour Centre 8:30am
 - Sebastian + Elisha
 - Balkees to Attend
 - Sebastian to share presentation with SOCA
 - Meeting with Paola on the 27th November report
 - \$600 budget for workshop delivery, \$300 from us
 - \$100 budget for Food from SOCA
 - \$50 towards printing
 - 25 capacity, 4 workshops
 - Feb 13, March 13, March 20, April 3
- Travis
 - Popcorn handling for a Smashdown event @ DFA on the 29th
 - Was good,
 - Machine late SFSS didn't know where machine was

- Hilarious, they should put it on again
 - Would be interested to do again
 - Lema
 - Statement to SFSS, The Public and the Peak
 - Still to write
 - Communicating the SFSS notice on media
 - Still to put together
 - Giovanni:
 - FNSA POWWOW Committee
 - Drummers and Dancers event
 - SOCA can provide 5-10 volunteers Feb 23-25
 - They have a total of 150 volunteers
 - Add to SOCA Newsletter put Powwow.
 - FNSA will send a blurb of event
 - Can SOCA give \$100 to event
 - Burnaby MP Terry Beech:
 - Email update from Terry Beech
 - Lema to help write the email
 - Report tuition freeze tabling Nov 20
 - 150 people signed up, the campaign is looking effective
 - Report BOG meeting - Nov 22
 - Board is split on the tuition issue
 - Report white fragility event Nov 20
 - We put up the Black Spaces Matter poster
 - Reach out to Robin D'Angelo for supporting the space campaign
 - Black experience project report
 - Tried to get it onto GSS newsletter
 - Only available for December
 - Had to change the wording for the PDF to send in for Pierre from GSS
 - shared among undergrad and grad students
 - TSSU Meeting invite - Dec 8 - 40h anniversary party
 - Report on people reaching out to the various DSUs for support
 - International Studies SU
 - MBB
 - World Lit SU
 - Environment SU
 - Geography SU
 - MSA(Abdul)
 - Arab Students Assoc: To write letter of support
 - Discussion Items (Upcoming)
 - Terry Beech Letter

- Reply back stating that were not pleased with them meeting only with the SFSS, even though we made the complaint. Request a new meeting stating our concerns
 - Reinforce that he is failing his constituents, as members of the community live on the mountain and surrounding area (wording around holding him accountable and that he's responsible)
 - All parties should've been involved?
- Proposed ASA terms of communication: Options
 - Request to abide by the terms set or effect change if otherwise wanted
 - Request that the ASA abide by the terms of agreement (as they suggested)
- TSSU event who wants us to attend their December 6 40th Anni celebration:
- Meeting at Downtown Afrocentrism on Dec 2 regarding year plans
 - Push for BSU to be involved in conference
- African Representation event Nov 30: noone could attend
- Movie Night: Friday Dec 7 6pm, SFSS Forum Chambers, Sorry to Bother You
- Black Study Hall dates: Everyday next week west mall
- Space Campaign
 - SFU related
 - SFU reports that original agreement had all RC in SUB
 - Next steps
 - Shirts+Banner+Printing
 - Support from TSSU for Shirts
 - Screen Printing Starter Kit
 - Shirt Printing
 - SFPIRG Action Group
 - Should we set up?
 - Last meeting was at 900+ signatures.
 - Get letters of support to do
 - Am Johal, History Prof, Geography Prof, June Francis, SFUFA, Lama Mugabo, National Congress of Black Women Foundation
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- Black To School Event: **AfroVybz Jan 17**
 - Way forward:
 - Invite to ASA regarding the event - put all groups on poster
 - ASA AAI BSU
 - All sales split between BSU and SOCA

- Abdul to push back on ticket and name for it to be Black To School
 - Timeline of Spring to next semester
 - To be done at next meeting
 - Fifa World Cup with Ismaili Students Association in Conference Rooms
 - Event today Nov 30 + Tickets sold by SOCA
- Committees
 - Social Justice Committee formation (Giovanni)
 - Cultural Events Committee
 - Party Committee
 - Black to School event
 - Abdul to reach out to Black Groups in UBC and SFU
 - BCSC Committee
 - Volunteers and Exec access to code(changed), they share access to space

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Afia: Candle Lighting event
- Jessica:
 - Get added as signatory to bank account
 - Cheques for Giovanni HoSang
 - Cheque for Afua B Poku to be written
 - Cheques for Abdul to be written [next meeting].
- Abdul: Black to school reach out to clubs
- Balqees to apologize to Sebastian's team and get the report
- Gio: To send Lama's presentation on cultural night
- Lema: Three statements: SFSS+Public+Terry
- Balqees: Reach out to ASA regarding comms
- Gio: Send letter of support requests

Upcoming:

- FIFA Nov 30.
- Black study hall
- Movie night

Motions

1. **Whereas**, \$1065 was spent on Africa and The Diaspora Cultural Night for the Food, Performers, Long and Mcquade, and miscellaneous items by Giovanni HoSang
Be it resolved, that \$1065 be reimbursed to Giovanni HoSang for payments made.
 Moved by Travis Friday
 Seconded by Balqees Jama
CARRIED

2. **Whereas** \$138.24 was spent on Africa and The Diaspora Cultural Night for the Decorations, Gifts and Cutlery by Afia Poku
Be it resolved, that \$138.24 be reimbursed to Afia Poku for payment made on November 17.
Moved by Giovanni HoSang
Seconded by Travis Friday
CARRIED
3. **Whereas** \$35.46 was spent on Africa and The Diaspora Cultural Night for the Sound equipment and miscellaneous by Abdulkadir Yusuf
Be it resolved, that \$35.46 be reimbursed to Abdulkadir Yusuf for payments made
Moved by Giovanni HoSang
Seconded by Afia Poku
CARRIED.

Open issues or concerns

1. Paola candle-lighting and storytelling: Roots Ancestry
 - a. Need a mock event beforehand.
2. Make sure space clean and compost
3. Change of room code monthly - volunteer access to room code. All have access to use.
To regulate due to sensitive data and equipment in space.

Meeting Adjournment moved by Travis Friday, Seconded by Afia Poku

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51pm.