
SFU SOCA

SEP 7, 2018 at 5:10pm

Attendees: Afia Poku, Travis Friday, Giovanni HoSang, Frank Pabai, Eji Mimiko, Sandrine Umuhoza

Meeting Minutes:

- Territory Recognition - Recognized 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 to anti-oppression and decolonization in advancing the work of recognizing indigenous sovereignty and 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)
- Report of Officers: [Report](#)
 - Travis
 - Afia
 - T-shirts and Cardigans
 - Giovanni:
 - Report on Meetings with Groups and Personnel
 - Rotunda Community
 - Minister Ahmed Hussein and Black Organizations
 - SFU Library
 - SFU History
 - Hogan's Alley Society

- Appointments (Reasoning behind decision and discussion, motions to be taken at end of meeting)
 - Motion to be taken appoint Frank Pabai as Exec at large
 - Help that's been given to the community at SFU
 - Frank honoured to be given an opportunity to serve
 - Motion to be taken to appoint Agee Mimiko as Exec at Large
 - The willingness to participate
 - Eji fully on board to play a part in building community
- Reimbursement for payments made over the summer (Discussion)
 - Report from Giovanni on BCSC Improvement Purchases
 - Purchases made include Office Supplies, Library Books, TV, PS3
 - Discuss Motion to pre-approve payment for Shirts by Afia not exceeding \$300. To be used for Sale to Members. T-shirts to be sold at clubs days.
 - Discuss Motion to reimburse Giovanni HoSang for purchases
 - Discuss Motion to pre-approve payments for African Fabric by Giovanni not exceeding \$250.
 - Discuss Motion to Change the Bank Account Name to SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry with name Signees (Afia Poku, Travis Friday, Giovanni HoSang)
- Executive on 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 Events Committee - Exec
 - Plans all cultural events, Fall 2018 Africa Night at the WMC for **Oct 27**
 - Three Consecutive Tuesday Meetings before the event, and meeting two days before and the day before.
 - Tells the Executive body what to do in terms of room booking and grant request
 - Facilitates and plans the flow of the event
 - Black Community Services Centre - Exec

- Deals with the Library and all programming coming out of the BCSC.
 - Deals with Scheduling of persons
 - DISCUSSION WEDNESDAY
 - Social Justice and Advocacy and Outreach Committee - Gio
 - Plans Campaigns and advocates on behalf of the Black Community of Campus
 - Planning of Panel Discussion events and external community. To work on improving and strengthening ties between Black Organizations off Campus
 - Pub Nights/Party Planning Committee - Exec
 - This committee will be important in creating and generating an income stream
 - Three Consecutive Tuesday Meetings before the event, and meeting two days before and the day before.
 - SOCA dance team - Exec
 - Led by Flourish, will participate in various competitions and performances in events
 - Four Consecutive practices before the event, and meeting two days before and the day before.
 - Volunteer Mailing List (soca-volunteers@sfu.ca) Led by Afia Poku and Eileen
 - For General Updates not going to larger General Mailing List
 - Will be purged every semester
 - Will be used to get people to volunteer for various tasks. Tabling, event set up.
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W6s5dxkmgoktT3OX9KU6RZG1--xfq8f0VkkYJGBFCol/edit#gid=775945043>
 - Volunteer Orientation Package and Constitution to be Attached to Sep 21 Minutes
- Campaign Planning for SPACE
 - Petition at 167 signatures after three days
 - Get letters of support
 - Start letter writing campaign on Monday 10, September 2018.
 - Strategy: Organizations, Faculty and Staff, Students
 - Additional Steps:

- Meetings with SFU
 - Meeting with the Rotunda Community and BOD.
- Afia: wait until after action from other parties to decide a change in campaign strategy, continue campaigning as we currently are.
- Discussed Offline the specific meetings(Message the Exec body for info)
- Report on Events(attached)
 - J'ouvert on the Mountain
 - Nelson Mandela Movie Marathon
 - Caribbean Days Parade
 - African Descent Festival
 - Congo Crisis and World Refugee Day Concert
 - UN Open Forum for the Decade for People of African Descent
- Report on new Revenue
 - \$150 from the Trinidad and Tobago Society of BC for participation Caribbean Parade
 - To Thank Them Via Public Statement
 - \$500 from the Non Profit Caribbean Organization "Carnival Sensation" Through Grant Application
 - To Thank Them Via Public Statement
 - Donating two sewing Machines to Kesseke(Performing)
- Meeting Dates to Decide:
 - 3rd Party meeting
 - Bank account change(3 dates available)

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Get Shirts and Sell
- Delegate Design of posters for catch ah vybz, cultural night and wakanda party (psd)
- Write Personal letters of support for campaign
- Start Promoting Catch Ah Vybz Sep 20, First Discussion Wednesday Sep 26 and Meeting Sep 21.

Motions

1. Whereas Frank Pabai has been a very active member of SOCA for the past 2017/2018 academic year. Be it resolved that Frank Pabai be appointed as Exec at large

Giovanni Hosang moved, Travis Friday seconded. Vote of Confidence taken - Unanimously approved

Carried

2. Whereas Agee Mimiko has been a very active member of SOCA for the past 2017/2018 academic year. Be it resolved that Agee Mimiko be appointed as Exec at large .

Afia Poku moved, Travis Friday seconded.

Vote of Confidence, Unanimously approved

Carried

3. Whereas a sum of money below a threshold of \$300, be it resolved that reimbursements for SOCA T-Shirts be preapproved and to be purchased by Afia Poku or designate

Giovanni HoSang moved, Eji Mimiko Seconded

Carried

4. Whereas a sum of money not exceeding \$442.81 was used to improve the Black Community Services Centre, as per receipts in receipts box, be it resolved that Giovanni HoSang be reimbursed for purchases.

Not Carried (to be at Sep 21 meeting)

5. Motion to Change the Bank Account Name to SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry(SFU SOCA) with same Signees (Afia Poku, Travis Friday, Giovanni HoSang)

Sandrine Umuhoza Moved, Frank Pabai seconded.

Carried

Open issues or concerns

1. Call on meeting chair to limit to 1 hour meetings.
2. Meeting with bank for transfer of accounts to be scheduled - Gio Travis Afia
Wednesday 19th 1.00pm. Make sure this works for everybody

Meeting Adjournment moved by Travis Friday, Seconded by Frank Pabai.

Meeting Adjourned 6:33.

Next Meeting on September 21:

- Decide which exec for which committee
- Motion to reimburse 442.81 amount to Giovanni for BCSC purchases
- Motion to pre-approve/reimburse payments for \$210 for African Fabric \$70 a piece.
- Motion to reimburse money for Afia exact amount
- Publicly thank Carnival Sensations for \$500.00 donation
- Publicly thank Trinidad and Tobago Society for \$125.00 honorarium
- SOCA Manual Volunteer Orientation Package
- SOCA Constitution amendment - to include organizational values
Community-Building, Social Justice, Inclusivity and Representation

[Attached]

REPORT FROM EXECS:

- Afia's Report:
 - T-shirts for Sale
 - Working to get T-Shirts and Cardigans to sell at clubs days
 - Have been doing the necessary research to test different companies for the best deal
 - Decision to get some printed on shirts that we got from Carnival Sensations
 - Decision to also get new shirts/cardigans from the best company deal
- Giovanni's Reports:
 - **Meeting with Rotunda Community**
 - 10 shared values between all the organizations in the rotunda community
 - Our Values Social Justice, Representation, Inclusivity and Community-Building
 - Rotunda Community Banner with all our logos and names on it
 - To send in a 1 paragraph synopsis and 1 liners on each of the 4 SOCA organizational values from the shared value list
 - Group Photo between SOCA and the other RC groups
 - Possible Pamphlett to be created
 - **Meeting with Ahmed Hussein**
 - With other orgs such as Hogan's Alley Society, BCCOCA, National Congress for Black Women Foundation, Carnegie Action Project and other orgs from the Community improving the lives of black Organizations
 - Met on the Revitalization on the Black community in Vancouver where we shared our experiences
 - Updated us on phase two of a project which will fast track international students to PR. (Kenya Morocco, Senegal, Ivory Coast)
 - Service Delivery through Refugee and new funding opportunities for Africans
 - Black Caucus makes funding available to address anti-black racism in Canada. 19 million
 - SOCA raised concerns of being evicted from University Campus in Burnaby Campus and lack of direct support from university.
 - Minister not pleased that's happening and explains importance of space
 - Connecting with Staffer on (message EXEC)
 - **Meeting with Library**
 - Library commits to somehow list the books we have in their catalogue through some "This book is also in the Black Community Services Centre"
 - Cross Promotion
 - If book is not in library, tell them and they will ensure to purchase it, we can then tell people that book is in the library if we don't have it.
 - SOCA collection, if library has book and we want, talk to them to get a cheaper deal or through amazon

- Boosting of Library Black Centric Events via our platform
 - Connect with Chantel Gibson and David Chariandy
- **Meeting with Lama Mugabo**
 - Gave history of SOCA as second president, in 1998.
 - Spoke about their petition to hire black professors on campus
 - June Francis and James Busumtwi-Sam subsequently hired
 - Spoke about bringing African American Studies professor to SFU being the highlight of his time at SFU - Asante
 - Black Experience Project
 - To start in Vancouver through a Directed Studies Course
 - Wants SFU SOCA to share the project around when it is posted
 - About telling a story of black people in Vancouver
 - Internship opportunities and will be posted when school starts
 - BEP Toronto on Ryerson Website
 - SOCA commits to assisting by sharing with Membership
 - SOCA commits to sharing posters on Social Media
- **Purchases Reimbursement for Summer**
 - TV - Cash, can't be reimbursed :(
 - PS3 - Cash, Can't be reimbursed :(
 - Kettle
 - Printer
 - Books
 - Office Chair
 - Other Office Supplies
- **SFSS Black History Month Working Group led by VP Student Life Tawanda Masawi**
 - Three SOCA members apply to be on committee
 - Deadline September 23, 2018
 - Decision to help promote the initiative on behalf of VP after the drama dies down internally
 - Rough ideas:
 - Mental Health in Black Communities
 - Inequities in Academia
 - Displacement of Black Communities
- **Report on J'ouvert**
 - 50 people
 - SFU Recreation pleased with Planning and Follow through
 - Looking to have it Back on Canada Day from 12 to 6
 - Things needed: Paint, Water, DJ equipment, Buckets, Tent
 - Easily executed with the Exception of Driving around
- **Report Forum on UN Decade for People of African Descent**
 - 100 people showed up
 - Started late

- Make sure we vet each person speaking(Reference David Eltis speaking the British Supremacist Talking points on the Enslavement of Black peoples)
- Issues with SFSS equipment
- **Caribbean Days Parade**
 - Band that we participated with got the Second best band
 - \$150
- **African Descent Festival**
 - Volunteered and got recognition from Yasin Kiraggi
- **Congo Crisis and World Refugee Day Concert**
 - Many performers
 - Smooth
 - 80 people downtown