

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
March 22, 2019 at 6:56pm - Call to Order

ATTENDEES: Afia Poku, Corbett Gildersleve, Wendy Oduro-Kwachie, Giovanni HoSang, Travis Friday, Abdulkadir Yusuf, Natasha Kimathi, Rysen John, Balqees Jama

Note: Meeting shall be interrupted for the closing and counting of the Elections ballots

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, Something about yourself that's not known to everyone, Access need)

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **Approved**

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- Nominating Committee (Giovanni, Corbett, Travis, Abdul)
 - sfusoca.ca/election
 - 51 voted, 9 ineligible, 42 eligible
 - President Elect: Afia Poku
 - VP Elect: Sebastian Barreto
 - Secretary Elect: Eileen Kimaro
 - Treasurer Elect: Nathan Ngongo
 - External Relations Officer Elect: Flourish Adeogun
 - Internal Relations Office Elect: Jasmine Kitine
 - Events Coordinator Elect: Juanita Nduyamika
 - Exec at large Elect: Frank Pabai
 - FIC Rep Elect: Shaun Ang'awa
 - First Year Rep Elect: Osob Mahdi

- Grad Rep Elect: Eji Mimiko
- President - Giovanni
 - Tuition Freeze Update
 - Budget Passed March 21
 - University was to create a coalition as requested by TFN and they walked out
 - SFSS: Service Protection Bylaws blocked by IEC
 - Referendum rejected because of the legalities
 - Council approved
- Vice President - Travis
- Treasurer - Jessica
 - Mini-Audit of record since 2009 **[To-Do]**
 - Finance Report
 - Money Deposited:
 - **AfroVybz**
 - \$520 has been deposited
 - **TSSU's** Donation Remaining for Campaign Use
 - \$280 Remaining
 - Cheques Written:
 - Cheque #__ of **\$100.00** for First Nations Students Association passed from **14/12/2018 Motion 1** as Donation towards FNSA Powwow - **[To be done]**
Signees: Giovanni HoSang and Travis Friday
 - Cheque to be written to Giovanni HoSang from Afrofest passed from **01/03/2019 Motion 3**
 - SFSS Cheque Requisition update
 - Still to get money - Cultural Night
 - Cultural Night cheque written review had to be made
 - Balqees brought to Council
 - Campus vibe platform will be used and help online
- External Relations Officer - Abdul
 - Sent thank You message to Carnival Sensations for donation **[DONE]**
 - Responded to Teckla from Afro-Caribbean Club at Western **[DONE]**
 - TWU Collaboration
 - Tomorrow is the event
 - Ride from Abdul, meet in Surrey Central
- Internal Relations Officer - Balqees
 - Black Girl Magic Update
 - Not enough students came.
 - More Nonsfu than sfu
 - 25 people signed up but didnt come
 - People were to come but didn't

- Was really good, very empowering, sharing experiences. Facilitator asked great questions
 - To Send Thank You to library - **[DONE]**
- Secretary - Afia
 - Candle Collage Event with Paola
 - No update Yet **[To-do]**
 - Membership list update
 - **# of Members: 312**
 - **3 unsubscribed**
 - **0 subscribed**
 - Sub-Association work
 - SSA: Already agreed
 - To Sign **[To-Do]**
 - To Notify Clubs Coordinator after signing complete **[To-Do]**
- Events Coordinator - Natasha
 - Promotional help for GSC Events
 - Was good, we danced as SOCA Dancers
- Exec at large - Tim Maruti and Abdul
 - Pub Night April 5 **[to-do]**
 - Negotiation
 - Date extended because of construction/permits
 - April 18-26 possibility
 - Event Page to be Created **[To-Do]**
 - Event with Iranian, ALAS, Arab Stu Assoc
 - Event with many cultural groups at club ilia **[to-do]**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Tim: Purchase of a Vending Machine
 - Can we purchase a vending machine for the office?
 - Cost not sure. Tim doing the research.
 - Pub night update: April 5, new pub, still negotiating contract
 - most likely contract, sfss wants buyouts
- NSA Storage of Fridge
 - Don't have the space, still trying to fix
- Events Timeline
 - Discussion Wednesdays: April 3
 - March 27: Black Identity in South America: Afro Latinx
 - April 3:: China in Africa: Investment or Neocolonialism
 - April X: Paradox of Identity, Who is Black:
 - African/Caribbean/African-American/Latinx/African Diaspora dilemma
 - SFU Final Fete: April

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- Council Update
 - Meeting March 20 at 4pm
 - Concerns taken to Council:
 - Had to go through the tedious process of writing a letter even though the original receipt faded out, 1000+ of dollars in arrears and taken from August to November in the past to get cheque
 - Trying to learn how Council Works etc

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Nominating Committee
 - Need up to \$65 available for reimbursements for elections if expenses were made to campaign
 - Ensure people are fully aware of the role and we should communicate efficiently what the roles are comprised of
 - Policies Created: [link](http://sfusoca.ca/election) | sfusoca.ca/election
- Social Justice, Advocacy and Outreach Committee
 - SOCA Campaign: SFPIRG helping on ground support
 - We are doing a lot of online marketing
 - Shared list of all endorsers
 - SFPIRG letting ppl know of SOCA issue during election
 - Some candidates responded to our survey
 - Send an invite to a meeting with the Board Elect to discuss matters with them **[To-Do] [Afia]**
- Transition Retreat
 - **Next Week March 30 at PIRG 12 to 6.**
 - **Slides with Overview (Anyone want to help can help)**
 - **Old execs talk to new execs and lead intimately through role**
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
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- Cultural Events Committee
- BCSC Committee (Afia)
 - Library list to complete
- SOCA Dancers
 - Event on the 30th to support the Black Young Youth planning an event
 - Cant attend to dance.
 - Open to all members [Share and Promote]
- NSA
 - Fridge and Cooler need storage, need to make space for them
- SSA
 - MOU still to be signed

MOTIONS

1. **Whereas** the Nominating Committee had required up to \$65 for reimbursement of campaign material for the Candidates
Whereas, the requested total reimbursement might be less than \$65
Be it resolved that up to \$65 be approved to reimbursed to the candidates who spent money on their campaigns
CG moved/AY seconded
CARRIED
2. **Whereas**, the elections were held on March 22, 2019 and results were calculated
Be it resolved that the results as outlined in the Elections Report be accepted
TF moved/AY seconded
CARRIED
3. **Whereas**, SOCA has a seat on SFSS Council,
Be it resolved, to appoint the new Internal Relations Officer - Jasmine Kitine to be the appointed person on representative seat on Council for May 2019 - April 2020 at SFSS Council meetings
BAJ moved, TF seconded
CARRIED
4. **Whereas**, there is a new executive team that was elected on March 22, 2019
Whereas, there are new signing officers required for the SOCA Bank Account (Named The African and Caribbean Heritage Students Association SFU)
Be it resolved that President - Afia Poku, Vice President - Sebastian Barreto, Treasurer - Nathan Ngongo, Secretary - Eileen Kimaro be appointed as signing officers
BAJ moved/TF seconded
CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Afia: Candle Collage, SSA signing doc
- Tim: Pub night
- Jessica: Mini-audit and cheques submission
 - Change the account signers
- Event Page to be Created
- Afia: Send invite to SFSS Board Elect

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. We need to motion for the Tshirt printing machine from the \$280 remaining for the black spaces matter campaign

Meeting Adjournment moved by Giovanni HoSang, Seconded by Travis Friday

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm