
SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)

SEP 21, 2018 at 5:05pm

Attendees: Afia Poku, Travis Friday, Giovanni HoSang, Travis Friday, Corbett Gildersleve, Aiswariya Sandu, Abdulikar Yusuf, DomunIQUE Booker.

Meeting Agenda:

- Territory Recognition - SOCA 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 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:
 - Afia
 - \$300 Max Purchase done
 - 5 T-shirts Sold.
 - 3 Cardigans Sold.
 - Giovanni:
 - Report and Recommended Actions on Meetings with Groups and Personnel
 - SFSS Meeting on Friday Sep 14 Review

- Aiswariya: Unfortunate that there has been no definite answer/solution, Positive development in sublease extension
 - Gio: Got a chance to clarify on record what we are calling out the SFSS for with institutional racism being explained.
- Burnaby MP Terry Beech: Continue pushing on Terry, sent letter scolding him to recognize us and meet with him as he is to be held at a higher standard. To be called out for not actually trying to meet with us before deciding to 'not move forward'. Unacceptable.
- Impact Gala - Shanti Uganda Fundraiser
 - Interest in Performing **Oct 12**:
Afia to reach to dancers, SOCA to confirm with Shanti Uganda by September 24.
- Hogan's Alley Society Endorsement event Oct 24: Consensus to support. SOCA representatives to attend the Pre-event meeting with the author on
- UCABC - Endorsement of Black Community Networking Event **Oct 17** in New West. To send to volunteer list to be representative of SOCA at this meeting.
- Volunteer Package to be completed before next meeting
- FNSA Statement released. Will share with our membership
- Interest for Nominations in next meeting:
 - Form to be created
 - Oct 5/19 Interest for Open Positions Submission
 - Elections Nov 2
- Reimbursement for payments made over the summer (Discussion)
 - Discuss Motion to reimburse Giovanni HoSang for purchases
 - Decision taken to move to reimburse half in the next meeting
- 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 - Abdul
 - 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 - Gio
 - 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 on Campus and externally with other Black Organizations.
 - 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 - Flourish(Cpt) - Afia to call people
 - 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.
 - To be used to get persons for tabling, put up posters and to represent SOCA at external events etc.
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W6s5dxkmgoktT3OX9KU6RZG1--xfq8f0VkkyJGBFCol/edit#gid=1756316501>
- Campaign Planning for SPACE (Discussion)
 - Last meeting was at 167, now at 640 signatures.
 - Get letters of support from **DSUs** and Orgs
 - Environment - Contact Jewel for info
 - Geography
 - World Literature
 - IS - (Abdul to talk to IS)
 - HSSU (Giovanni to get in touch via Joanna)
 - MBB (Aiswariya)
 - Additional Steps:
 - Meeting with the Rotunda Community, SOCA to submit which days available via <http://whenisgood.net/rotundameet>
 - RC and BOD will continue to have meetings.
 - Discuss Offline the specifics of the meeting on Sep 14 Rough Minutes here: [Minutes](#)(Message the Exec body for info)
- Last Meeting Reports
 - Catch Ah Vybz
 - Number of People: 30
 - Games: Ludo, Dominoes, card games
 - Review: 7
 - Suggestions: Food could be better
- Report on new Revenue
 - \$150 from the Trinidad and Tobago Society of BC for participation Caribbean Parade
 - Prepare Public Statement to Thanks

- Thank you for Honorarium and this is in advancement of your mission and is very applicable to SOCA.
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-ZyAIP4Y2sSdGe1-gFp1ENK_TA2eF8jRt23cMvxcVGk/edit?usp=sharing
- \$500 from the Non Profit Caribbean Organization "Carnival Sensation" Through Grant Application
 - Prepare Actual Statement to Thank Carnival Sensations
 - Thanks for Grant and Donation and this is how SOCA advances the work of your org.
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-ZyAIP4Y2sSdGe1-gFp1ENK_TA2eF8jRt23cMvxcVGk/edit

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Start putting together the Cultural Night Committee from Volunteer List
- Confirm the 5 persons for the Discussion Wednesday
 - Led by Ahmed Lelamo - The Art of Dialogue in solving complexed issues
- First Discussion **Wednesday Sep 26 @3.30** and Meeting Sep 21.
- To reach out to The Dancers for Oct 12th
- Afia/Travis have first meeting with Cultural Events Committee

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
Not Carried (to be at moved at Oct 5 meeting)

Open issues or concerns

1. Sandrine pitched Black Girl Magic Workshop @ SFU
 - a. **To meet with Paola of Women's Centre Oct 10 at 1p.m**
2. Cultural night question nation based or region based - CEC to decide
3. FNSA Statement to SFSS read and posted

Meeting Adjournment moved by Corbett Gildersleve, Seconded by Aiswariya Sandu.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30