

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
January 30, 2020 at 6:40pm - Called to Order

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Balqees Jama, Afia Poku, Jasmine Kitine, Flourish Adeogun, Juanita Julius, Sebastian Barreto

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SOCA recognizes we are situated 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.

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 or alternative)

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **Approved**

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- President
 - Will discuss updates in discussion below
- Vice President
- External Relations Officer
- Internal Relations Officer
 - Council report:
 - Motion to put space issue to referendum passed
 - Members Congratulated Jasmine IRO
- Secretary
- Events Coordinator
- First Year Rep
- Grad Rep
- FIC Rep
- Execs at large

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- Other Assigned Members

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Black History Month
 - Jessica (SFSS) unable to attend the meeting this week due to “car troubles”
 - SFSS is having some issues with funding our events
 - SFSS unable to fund two of our events for Black History Month
 - Afia seeking help with drafting email to Jessica
 - We were unable to book the room for Black History Month Open Ceremony
 - Approaches in thought: ask Jessica to wave the five day rule to book room or if all else fails we ask Melanie
 - Alternative
 - 7th and 6th: (depending on the attendance of Natasha)
 - Move the Open Ceremony to Feb 6/7th in the afternoon at James Douglas
 - Have a games night in the evening at Graduate Student Centre
 - Side Note: throughout the whole month, each week we will have a movie night
- Library Display Feb 1st- Feb 29th
 - The library display will be there
 - One book, One SFU there will be an Egyptian author there
 - Osob following up with Surrey library
 - Unable to do it because the person wasn't there
 - Waiting for response
- Closing ceremony (**February 29**)
 - Cocktails with Black Professionals
 - Food from Juju caterer and Afia caterer

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- Jessica needing logistics
 - **February 26 Debate**
 - Challenging debate
 - People will be signing to be part of it
 - We will have spectators
 - Execs to suggest topic
 - **Thursdays**
 - Every Thursday movie night
 - **13th February**
 - Pub Night (Might be Final Fete)
 - Suggested Theme: Old school
 - **Speed Dating**
 - **Black Girl Magic (possibility)**
 - Have to follow up (Balqees)
 - **Blessed report:**
 - Ticket sales
 - Mike issues to be sorted
 - Drinks
 - White girls to promote on day of :((
 - DJ Shawayne
 - All against having Shawayne there except SOCA
 - Mistreated: underpaid (late payment), defamed,
 - Late (claims 'last time' nothing was set up, so he came late)
 - Mike says traffic? Shawayne did not mention traffic
 - Business case: bad
 - Moral case (black people mistreated w white owners "I'd send him back" "I don't even deal with Gio")

- Recommendation from Afia: stop collaborating with Soulgood
- Global Student Centre (GSC) collab Global Community (Jan 14 email)
 - Food: Flourish to reach out to Sarah
 - Language Cafe: Jasmine
 - Drums: *Juju reach out to Kesseke*
 - Dance: Flourish and Sandrine workshop
 - Will they be willing to pay an external person?

Action Items:

- **Flourish** to reach out to Sarah
- **Juju** reach out to Kesseke
- **Balqees** reach out to WC for Black Girl Magic
- **Team:**
 - Send BHM logistics response to Jessica
 - Question for BHM debate
 - Pick GSC activity
 - Set motion to recommend avoiding Soulgood for next team.
- **Eileen** include SFU UNICEF education event in newsletter

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. N/A

Meeting Adjournment moved by AP, Seconded by EK
Adjourned at 8:23pm.