

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
March 1, 2019 at 6:01pm - Call to Order

ATTENDEES: Frank Pabai, Corbett Gildersleve, Simran Randhawa, Giovanni HoSang, Afia Poku

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

- President - Giovanni
 - Tuition Freeze Update
 - Meeting w/ Martin Purchoku, Peter Keller, Erin Biddlecombe
 - Martin P: If students don't like tuition, there can be other schools.
 - Very problematic statement
 - Upcoming Rally March 18, BOG meeting March 21
 - Clubs Endorsing Campaign
 - MSA
 - Council Meeting
 - SOCA successfully added as seat to council
 - SFSS Referenda Question endorsement
 - Gio Recommend the Service Protection Bylaw be endorsed
- Vice President - Travis
- Treasurer - Jessica
 - Mini-Audit of record since 2009 **[To-Do]**

- Finance Report
 - Money Deposited:
 - **AfroVybz**
 - \$520 To be deposited **[To-Do]**
 - **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
 - SFSS Cheque Requisition to be done
 - All cheque requests completed, Afro Vybz, catch ah vybz and cultural night
 - **Balance** of Bank Account: **\$2752.35**
- External Relations Officer - Abdul
 - Send thank You message to Carnival Sensations for donation **[To-Do]**
 - Respond to Teckla from Afro-Caribbean Club at Western **[To-Do]**
- Internal Relations Officer - Balqees
 - Black Girl Magic Update
 - Not enough students coming.
 - Big push for the last two ones
 - Thank You to library
- Secretary - Afia
 - Candle Collage Event with Paola
 - No update Yet **[To-do]**
 - Got one as a gift
 - Received an example of the Collage as a gift from Women Center
 - 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
- Exec at large - Tim Maruti
 - Pub Night April 5 **[to-do]**
 - Event with Iranian, ALAS, Arab Stu Assoc
 - Event with many cultural groups at club ilia **[to-do]**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Meeting with Terry Beech and Federal Liberal Representative
 - March 7 with Greg Fergus
 - Afia, Giovanni, Abdul, Balkees available to meet
- 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
 - We don't have the space yet, trying to find
- Meeting with ASA:
 - Abdul: Positive, reached consensus and focused on positive relationship between groups, SOCA stressed the need for unity on campaign issue, ASA got back
 - Gio: We are allies again, and we reconciled some of the issues we had in the past meeting. really good step going
- Terry Beech
 - What should we bring to the table
 - Get support and talk about space issue.
- Events Timeline
 - Discussion Wednesdays: Feb 6 | Feb 27 | Mar 20 | April 3
 - March 20: China in Africa: Investment or Neocolonialism
 - March 27: Black Identity in South America: Afro Latinx
 - April 3: Paradox of Identity, Who is Black:
African/Caribbean/African-American/African Diaspora dilemma
 - Black Girl Magic Workshop: Feb 12+19, Mar 5+12
- Events Recap
 - Black Film Fest
 - Average 2 to 12 people attending
 - Black History Kickoff
 - 35 people, good business presentation
 - Black Spaces Matter Panel Discussion
 - Good article, attendance could be better
 - Cultural Showcase (SOCA Dancers)
 - Dancers did really well

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- DSU and Club Support for Campaign
 - GSU: They will endorse for the space issue
 - Head of faculty of geography, will pass information of the faculty
- Council Update
 - We acquired a seat successfully.

- Concerns to take to Council: N/A

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Nominating Committee
 - Struck Last Meeting, Whatsapp group has been created
 - Ensure people are fully aware of the role and we should communicate efficiently what the roles are comprised of
 - Policies Created: [link](#)
- 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
- Cultural Events Committee
 - AfroFest Grant Request for 300 dollars
- Party and Pub Night Committee
 - SFU Final Fete April 6
 - Need a poster, Tim to get Ali to work on poster
 - Tim might look into getting his friend
 - Afia: Suggestion on changing the date on the last version
- BCSC Committee (Afia)
 - Library list to complete
- SOCA Dancers
 - Event on the 30th to support the Black Young Youth planning an event
- NSA
 - Fridge and Cooler need storage, need to make space for them
 - Might be hard to store Fridge plus coolers, fridge more important
 - Meet and Greet Upcoming
- SSA
 - To have an SSA Barbeque
 - MOU still to be signed

MOTIONS

1. **Whereas**, SOCA now has a seat on SFSS Council,
Be it resolved, to appoint Internal Relations Officer - Balkees Jama to be the representative seat on Council for upcoming SFSS Council meetings until the end of this fiscal year
 Afia Poku moved, Corbett Gildersleve seconded
CARRIED
2. **Whereas**, We had discussions around a revenue generating asset in the office,
 Whereas, a Pop and a coffee maker is an efficient way to generate income
Be it resolved, to purchase a pop machine to the SOCA
NOT CARRIED

(NB: All money motions shall be marked on the cheque as (Date of Meeting and Motion Number)

3. **Whereas**, SOCA has worked with the other black organizations to plan Afrofest and spent \$300 as decided in **08/02/2019** meeting .

Whereas, Afrofest was held on March 1, 2019.

Be it resolved, that SOCA reimburses Giovanni HoSang \$300 from our bank account towards the payment made for AfroFest.

Afia Poku moved, Corbett Gildersleve seconded

CARRIED unanimously

(Submit the interac)

4. **Whereas**, Constitutional Amendments were communicated to membership via email lists as per SOCA Constitution VII.1

Whereas, there are constitutional changes required as per changes over the year such as the IRO role and ERO role having specific examples in their roles, as well as examples for the committees being listed, mentions of us as an 'organization', in addition to the process for subsequent constitutional changes and the SOCA Values which we have been using. [Add in upcoming meeting: quorum clarified to 5 incl. 3 execs]

Be it resolved, to amend the constitution as referred to in PDF shared with the membership.

Frank Pabai moved, Simran Randhawa seconded

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Abdul: Respond to Teckla and CS
- Afia: Candle Collage, SSA signing doc
- Tim: Pub night
- Jessica: Mini-audit and cheques submission

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. None

Meeting Adjournment moved by FP , Seconded by SR

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12pm