

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry  
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**SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**  
**November 16, 2019 at 6:15 pm - Call to Order**

**ATTENDEES:** Balkees, Flourish, Eileen, Nathan, Afia, Gaelle, Sebastian, Giovanni

## **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, Access need, What you looking forward to this weekend)

### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- **Approved /**

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- **President - Afia**
  - Plan for the Semester
    - 25th Anniversary: Moved to 30th
  - Update on Fundraiser
    - Poor turnout from SOCA
    - Overall turnout was good
    - Confirmation needed on how much was made
  - Space issue
    - Motion was denied at the meeting
    - Meeting coming up with SFSS ED : 21st Nov
- **Vice President - Sebastian**
  - Print business cards for members (vista)
    - Templates will be sent in a couple weeks
    - Customized cards? General cards? (TO DO get info/prices)
    - SFSS Portal

- Posters along transparent glass (events, black leaders, etc.)
  - Putting posters up of events we do and prominent figures along the glass wall in the SOCA room
  - **TO-DO**
    - Put up 25th anniversary
    - Black influential figure (militant?)
- Treasurer - Nathan
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009 **[To-Do] carried forward**
    - With Jessica at the end of Summer Semester
  - Finance Report
    - Money Deposited:
    - Transfer account signees, set up meeting with Scotiabank
      - Email address of personnel in [sfusoca@gmail.com](mailto:sfusoca@gmail.com)
      - Should be done as soon as possible **[To-Do] carried forward**
    - **Balance** of Bank Account: ~\$4000
- External Relations Officer - Flourish
  - Black History Month Working Group
    - Eilieen+flourish attended
    - No one was able to attend the last meeting, email will be sent to follow-up
  - Surrey meeting update
    - Flourish attended lord byng
    - Creating policies addressing discrimination
- Internal Relations Officer - Jasmine
  - Council Meeting Updates
    - AP attending the meeting in place of Jasmine
    - Policy on pro life to take to sfss board but that document was not sent to SOCA - Cut funding for pro life club (anti-choice)
    - Condemning SFSS rejection of motion re. Subspace next council meeting Nov 27th
      - Encourage soca members to attend
- Secretary - Eileen
  - Membership list update → Email list
    - **# of Members: 377 (total subscribed email)**
    - **0 subscribed, 0 unsubscribed**
  - Mark McLaughlin Bahamas Fundraising : \$1000 auxiliary credit for Winter Nights Gala event
- Events Coordinator - Juanita
  - 25th Anniversary
  - Blessed: Back to School Updates for January 2020

- Exec at large - Frank
  - Suggestion for Event with Iranian, ALAS, Arab Stu Assoc
    - To decide who to reach out to the clubs
      - Event with many cultural groups (At The Study) **[To-Do]**
      - Work With Balqees
- Exec at large - Balqees
  - Somali Students Association election results to be announced Monday
- Exec at large - Representatives
  - Grad Rep - Eji :
    - Tssu/Tuition Freeze Now Campaign updates
  - 1st Year Rep - Osob :
    - SSA liaison Updates
  - To brainstorm ideas for FIC event with Shaun
  - FIC Rep - Shaun:
    - To brainstorm ideas for FIC event
      - Wants to reach out to first year students
        - Talk about majors
        - Highlight drugs issues
        - Alongside buddy program → Soca members only

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Events Timeline
  - 25th Anniversary Roles
    - Amount to be put in grant: \$1,500
    - Amount to be removed from SOCA's account: \$1,500
    - Nov 30 **TO-DO**
      - Print tickets and lapel pins (souvenir) for event
      - Using the 25th anniversary colors - silver , blue, black
      - Design posters - pay designer - Sebastian
      - Fix a programme for Event (exec timeline, brief history of SOCA) - Balqees and Juju and Natasha
      - Send out invitation Past SOCA, Allies, Members - Sebastian and Jasmine
      - Put together a list of members past - Sebastian and Eileen
      - Reach out to performers - Juju and Gio can help
        - 4 performers \$200 (Gio)
        - Flourish and SOCA dancers
        - Gaelle

- Food person: Afia will check in on Ida's catering, secondary - East African - Eileen & Afia - Gio
  - Create poster and get interest for committee - Juju to reach to Afia
  - Committee of 15 - 25th Whatsapp group. - add people
  - Promotions | Decoration | Logistics | AV | DJs | and more | Guest List | Slideshow
  - Projector
  - Keynote speakers
    - Adam Rubber
    - Joy walcott
  - Price for ticket
    - 10 dollars (general)
    - 15 at the door
  - Program for the night - Balqees and Flourish
  - Tech - Gio and Wisdom
  - Promotion : Student central , ISS, GSU, ASA,
- Study Hall : Start date
  - 18/11/2019
- Blessed Back to School Party:
  - Money made: \$365 was made (renegotiations)
  - Interested in having one January (still in negotiations with soulgood)
- Promote ASA Movie night
  - Rafiki + discussion afterwards: 21/11/2019
- Tribal (Pub Night)
  - Gio and Tim : suggested 27th/30th
- Panel Discussion Suggestion (**Pushed to Spring**)
  - Debate: topic TBA
  - Reach out to Asa, SSA, NSA
- Event with Residence: to introduce first years to SOCA (**Pushed to Spring**)
  - Mentor / Buddy Program (Planning Team : Afia, Tim, Eileen, Shaun, Osob, Simran, Gio, Fati, Jasmine, Flourish, Fatima, Nathan, Brian )
  - Lofty to Help with the Buddy Program
  - Message Reslife for space on Welcome Day
- Discussion Wednesdays:
  - Sep 25: /
  - Oct 18: /
  - Nov 13: /
  - China in Africa
- Internal Community Relations
  - Rotunda meeting : Every weekend we are meeting

- By-Elections
  - 29/11/2019

## REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- Space Issue Support: Next Move

## COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Nominating Committee
  - Should be appointed for upcoming elections
- Social Justice, Advocacy and Outreach Committee
  - SOCA Space Campaign:
    - Synopsis
    - New Strategy:
      - Attend Board Meetings (Next Meeting:\_\_\_)
    - Set meeting with the SFSS Executives
    - To report on Tshirt printing screen from the \$280 remaining for the black spaces matter campaign. **Not done.**
    - Pick a date to start campaigning
    - Means of support including letters, videos etc
    - Event for Support
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
- Cultural Events Committee
- BCSC Committee (Eileen)
  - Library list to completed **[To-Do]**
  - Email and call people to return the books **[To-Do/ Done]**
  - Sebastian and Eileen
  - Date TBA
- SOCA Dancers
  - Set date for first meeting
  - Suggest addition of cultural dances with the help of Keseke (Afia)
- NSA
  - Events : **[To-Do]**
    - n/a
- SSA
  - Events for the sem:
    - potluck
      - SSA- political community engagement event
        - Sharmake Victoria City Council, Amina Yusuf BC urban developer and others

## MOTIONS

1. **Whereas, SOCA** will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on 30th November, 2019  
**Whereas, \$3,000** is needed to organise the event.  
**Whereas \$1,500** should be put on the grant and \$1500 will be from SOCA's bank account.

**Be it resolved** that \$3000 is approved for the planning of the event both from SFSS Grant and SOCAs Bank Account. **Moved by Afia / seconded by Flourish**  
**CARRIED**

2. **Whereas, Giovanni Hosang and Travis Friday** have ended their term as Executives of the SOCA team.  
**Whereas, Afua Poku and Eileen Kimaro** are current executives on the SOCA team.

**Be it resolved** that **Giovanni Hosang and Travis Friday** relieved off their duty of being in charge of managing SOCA'S Scotiabank Account and be replaced by **Afua Poku and Eileen Kimaro**. **Moved by Flourish / seconded by Gaelle**  
**CARRIED**

## OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

- Sign Up system (Website and SFSS Portal)
  - Get people on our list to sign up for clubs
  - Eileen Send out email [to-do]
- ALAS rep. Sebastian Medina:
  - Open Mic Night for Amazon before Midterms
    - Check with Pub if % of drink sales go to Amazon
  - Dance lessons for Bahamas
  - ALAS ice breaker Thursday, Maggi Benson 3901
- Corbette
  - Establish club to recruit and train progressive students to run for office (SFSS Board of Directors and SFU Senate)
  - Need help making connections, logistics, etc.

## ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC (To keep track of to-do's above)

- **Afia**
  - Create whatsapp groups for 25th dinner
- **Sebastian**

- Create design for business cards and find more Posters
- **Jasmine**
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- **Jessica**
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009
- **Nathan**
  - Reach out to the bank to sort out the transfer of signatories
- **Eileen**
  - Library list to be completed
- **Tim**
  - Follow up with pub night
- **25TH Anniversary Teams:**
  - check Google Drive for the excel sheet
- **All**
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**Meeting Adjournment moved by Eileen , Seconded by Gaelle**

Meeting Adjourned at 08:15pm