

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
[May 23rd] at [6.04pm]

ATTENDEES: Adanna, Naomi, Anne-Marie, Akuol, Alson, Bam, Edwin, Stacy, Mekeil, Ruki, Chris, Emiliya

MEETING AGENDA

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SOCA recognizes we are situated on the unceded territories Coast Salish Territories of the Musqueam, Kwikwetlem, Squamish and Tsleil-waututh, and Katzie 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. You can see who's land your on using an app called <https://native-land.ca/> which is a map of Indigenous lands.

ROUNDS

(Name, Pronouns, Access needs, What is your fav spring/summer activity?)

Adanna she her access needs met, being on the ocean

Anne Marie sure her access needs met, swimming

Naomi she her access needs met, eating barbecue

Akoul she her access needs met

Alson he him access needs met

Bam he him access needs met making music

Edwin he him access needs met, frolicking near the beach

Stacy she her access needs met, picnicking, checking out new places

Mekeil she her access needs meet hanging out with friends

Ruki he him access needs met listening to music

Chris he him access needs needs met, going for a swim

Emiliya she her access needs met, thrifting, or going to events

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **Approved (Any issues?)**

REPORT OF OFFICERS

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- President
 - Placing food orders for Catch Ah Vybz. Will be picking them up on Friday
 - Purchasing drinks, plates and cutlery from Real Canadian Superstore
 - A lot of email correspondence
 - Planning an after party for catch ah vybez in collaboration with Play on @ Granville Room
 - ASA revival updates
 - Creating meeting poster, posting on IG, reposting on stories
 - Creating zoom link
 - Reaching out to volunteers
 - Vice President
 - Following up with emails
 - Attending SFSS meetings
 - Following up with other execs
 - Planning catch ah vybz
 - Talked for clubs day
 - Attended a meeting with dining hall execs about Africa day
 - Made passes for the Africa day event
 - Submitted the approved budget to the SFSS
 - External Relations Officer
 - Followed up on the financial literacy event with wisdom to see what he had in mind
 - Email correspondence
 - Reached out to UBC for a collaboration
 - Internal Relations Officer
 - Attended the SFSS council meeting
 - Tabled for clubs day
 - Secretary
 - Published the newsletter
 - Treasurer
 - Accounts balances and in and out flows (trust, levy fund, soca core, staff department line item, scotiabank, outstanding/upcoming grants):
 - Trust: \$4073.07
 - Levy: \$63272.66
 - Soca CG core fund: N/A
 - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - Scotiabank (external); N/A
 - Grant funding; N/A

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- It will cost us approximately \$3000 to fix the wall and we would have to evacuate the room for at least 3 days.
 - Events Coordinator
 - Worked on the games for catch ah vybz
 - Tabled for clubs day
 - First Year Rep
 - Helped with planning the games for catch ah vybz (SOCA bingo)
 - Tabled for clubs day
 - Grad Rep
 - Invited a grad student to SOCA!
 - Tabled for clubs day
 - Fraser International College (FIC) Rep
 - Nothing to report
 - Information Technology Officer (ITO)
 - Tabled for clubs day
 - Made posters for events
 - Posted on instagram
 - Execs at large
 - 1. Naomi
 - Talked for clubs day
 - Made booklet for catch ah vybz
 - Helped with the African day poster
 - Connected with out on campus
 - 2. Mekeil
 - Made the playlist for catch ah vybz
 - 3. Joanne
 - Helped plan the catch ah vybz after party
 - Black Student Support Centre Staff (BSSC) Staff
 - Other Assigned Members

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- Finalizing events/dates for the summer calendar.
 - Color the trails kayaking: Saturday June 22
 - Black grad: June 10
 - Barbecue: July 27
 - Biking July 7/14
 - Return of our coordinator mid June

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **African Student Association Revival:**
 - the SFSS suggested that the ASA members should have a meeting with SOCA and the SFSS where we iron things out concerning their revival.
- **Financial Workshp.**
 - Met up with wisdom and spoke about the workshop.
 - Each station is an hour and a half, then there's an open question section.
 - Topic decided - Debt Management.
 - Date set to be on **June 14th at 4pm**
- **Africa Day in Collaboration with the Dining hall.**
 - Dining hall wanted our input about this event, and shared their menu items with the president.
 - They would also like us to set up a booth with some members so we can speak about Africa day to the patrons.
 - They're also offering free lunch to any execs who show up for tabling. The event is from May 24, 12:00 -2:00 pm
- **After party for catch ah vybez.**
 - SOCA planned an after party for members in the Granville room. SOCA Members will get discounted tickets
- **Color the trails event collaboration.**
 - SOCA is planning a summer collaboration with Color the Trails. Our options are kayaking or camping.
 - Camping wouldn't be a SOCA exclusive event though, as it involves large groups. They'll provide a shuttle from East Vancouver to Squamish, and the camp night is overnight.
 - The consensus seems to be that kayaking is preferred, although it's more expensive. It's important to note that camping is a much more complicated event. The camping journey lasts 2 hours.
 - Suggested day for kayaking is **Saturday June 22**
- **Black grad event.**
 - Set to be on **June 10th**
 - Reach out to Laury and the Black Caucus to figure out the source of funds.
 - Promotions need to go out soon

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- **Summer BBQ event.**
 - planned for **27th of July.**
 - All Execs will try to be there.
 - Mekeil sends regrets.

 - **Theater movie night**
 - Membership will go for the premiere of dead pool
 - Dates to be decided

 - **Biking along the sea wall**
 - Planning to have this event for at the Stanley park seawall
 - Set to be on the **14th of July**

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Social Justice and Advocacy Committee
- Cultural Events Committee
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
- BSSC Committee
- Dance Team
- NSA
- SSA

MOTIONS

1. Reimbursing Adanna for space shopping

Whereas, Adanna purchased bulk foods and snacks for the SOCA space.

Whereas, line item#75, "Food and Beverage for SOCA Space", Account 815/45 is designated for space shopping.

Be it resolved, Adanna Nduagu is to be reimbursed \$250.91 For space shopping.

Moved by [Anne-Marie] Seconded by [Naomi]

CARRIED unanimously

2. Reimbursing Adanna for pizza for the general meeting

Whereas, Adanna purchased pizza and drinks for the general meeting on the 23rd of May 2024.

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Whereas, line item#81, “Meetings Vouchers and Snacks”, Account 886/45 is designated for meeting foods and snacks.

Be it resolved, Adanna Nduagu is to be reimbursed \$62.24 for foods in general meeting through line item#81, Account #886/45.

**Moved by [Anne-Marie] Seconded by [Naomi]
CARRIED unanimously**

2. Reimbursing Adanna for food/drink purchase for Catch ah Vybez

Whereas SOCA is having its semesterly Catch Ah Vybez on Friday May 24th and we need to purchase food and drinks for the event.

Whereas, there is a designated \$2,000 in line item, #19, “Catch-Ah-Vybz” Account, #795/45 for the event and Adanna Nduagu bought foods/drinks for the event amounting to \$2,319.11,

Be it resolved that, Adanna Nduagu will be reimbursed through, line item#19, Account, 795/45 is designated for Catch-Ah-Vybz, with \$2,000 and for the amount exceeded, \$319.11 from line item, #84, Contingency/ Spillover fund (5%), Account number, #886/45.

**Moved by [Nobu] Seconded by [Alson]
CARRIED unanimously**

3. Black Graduation

Whereas SOCA is partnering with the Black Caucus to organize the Black Graduation ceremony for Black graduands of the year 2024

Whereas any expense affiliated with the preparation of Black grad event

Be it resolved that the amount of \$1500 to be released by SOCA to cover for black grad preparations.

**MOVED BY [Naomi] SECONDED BY[Alson]
Carried unanimously**

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6. Refreshments for Exec Meetings

Whereas the SOCA executive team has monthly working sessions to discuss pending projects and updates on work done within each role.

Whereas there is a line item in the Black Student Levy budget for “Exec transition Retreats, training and leadership development”

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of up to \$500 for the purchase of refreshments for executive meetings and working sessions from line item “81”, Account (886/45)

MOVED BY [Naomi] SECONDED BY [Alson]
CARRIED unanimously

7. Correction on the previous motions number 1 on the 10th of May 2024

Whereas, the motion stated that the summer semester has begun and the SOCA space needs to restock snacks and beverages for \$250

Whereas, the amount \$250 was to be taken from account 815/45, line #75, Food and Beverage for SOCA space and not line item #76 as stated in the previous motion.

Be it resolved, the motion is to acknowledge the mistake as well as the correction.

MOVED BY [Anne-Marie] / SECONDED BY [Alson]

CARRIED unanimously

8 Correction on the previous motions number 2 on the 10th of May 2024

Whereas, Alison purchased food for SOCA's first general meeting and was supposed to be reimbursed \$63.39 from line item #82, “Volunteer training” in Account#886/45

Where as the mistake is the line item,

Whereas there is a line item was actually supposed to be line item#81 “Meeting vouchers and snacks” in Account #886/45

Be it resolved, the motion is to acknowledge the mistake as well as the correction.

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**Moved by [Naomi] / seconded by [Stacy]
CARRIED unanimously**

9. Gift Cards for Catch ah vybes event.

Whereas SOCA has planned a Catch Ah Vybez event

Whereas Stacy will purchase 6 gift cards worth \$25 each

Be it resolved to release up to \$170 from line item 84 "Contingency Fund" Account, #886/45 to cover these costs

Moved by [Akuol] Seconded [Anne Marie]

CARRIED unanimously

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- The execs should slot themselves into a committee written down
- Adanna- Facilitate Volunteer orientation
- Anne Marie- Make events Calendar
- Nobu- Reachout to Wisdom on our decided date for the financial workshop.
- Adanna Stacy- Reach out to Black-grad coordinators, Emmanuel and Yaye to figure out sourcing of funds.

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. Increasing SOCA's visibility. Maybe having a social committee work on promoting SOCA?

Meeting Adjournment moved by [Stacy] , Seconded by [Naomi]

Meeting Adjourned at [8:41pm]