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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)

DATE [21st June 2024] at [5:16]

ATTENDEES: Stacy, Emmanuel, Nobuhle, Anne Marie, Alson, Ruki, Richard, Muno Abdirahman, Araba (Staff)

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 you're on using an app called <https://native-land.ca/> which is a map of Indigenous lands.

ROUNDS

(Name, Access needs, What's your favorite self-care activity?)

CHECK IN

Stacy- access needs met, spending time with friends or going out to the beach, spending time alone

Naomi- access needs met, reading

Emmanuel- access needs met, chilling at home

Alson- access needs met, playing football

Anne-Marie -

Nobu access need met, taking walks

Ruki - access needs met , watching movies

Muno - access needs met, watching movies z& going out

Araba - 70/80% met, jogging, swimming, listening to music

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **Approved**
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WEIwiusAJyx5CjEc9bgNaAKVhmihRhp0YhdEtVIDiEs/edit>

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- President
 - Email correspondences
 - Following up with Colour the trail

- Vice President
 - Working with the bssc coordinator
 - Facilitating volunteers
- External Relations Officer
 - Organized and facilitated financial literacy workshop
 - Followed up on emails
 - Emailing external organizations
- Internal Relations Officer
 - Attended council meetings and SFSS development meetings
 - Had meeting with VP, SFSS coordinator and BSSC coordinator
- Secretary
 - Working on the newsletter
- Treasurer
 - Accounts balances and in and out flows (trust, levy fund, soca core, staff department line item, scotiabank, outstanding/upcoming grants):
 - Trust:\$4,073.07
 - Levy: \$61,039.55
 - SOCA CG core fund: \$2,000
 - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - Scotiabank (external): \$7,764.08
 - Grant funding: N/A
 - Cheques to be signed: N/A
 - Other: Attended the Financial Workshop

- Events Coordinator
 - Send regrets
- First Year Rep
 - Nothing to report
- Grad Rep
 - Nothing to report
- Fraser International College (FIC) Rep
 - Nothing to report

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- Information Technology Officer (ITO)
 - Updated the website
 - Posted on Instagram stories and main feed
 - Made kayaking poster
 - Attended black grad
 - Execs at large
 - 1. Naomi- made a group chat for kayaking
 - Helped with onboarding volunteers
 - Black Student Support Centre Staff (BSSC) Staff
 - Familiarizing with what's happened in her absence as well as our activities
 - Provided support to students
 - Attended SFSS meeting
 - Met with former colleague Mary for a refresher and hand over notes
 - Supporting president and Vice with the kayaking event with fees and purchasing snacks
 - Other Assigned Members

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- N/A

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

- **Potential Pride Event/Pride/workshop Queer events throughout the year.**
 - Task to be taken up by the social justice committee.
 - "SOCA is committed to creating an inclusive space for the black community and allies at SFU without the fear of condemnation on the basis of sex, gender, ethnicity, race, class or sexual orientation."
 - SOCA is looking for ways to celebrate our queer community seeing that we've not made an effort to celebrate pride month in the past. Particularly making it clear that SOCA is an open and supportive space to all people.
 - Liya mentioned putting queer books in the library as well. The concern though is that at this point any activity might seem performative. Our commitment to creating an all inclusive space is one of SOCA's core values. We also need to ensure that any efforts don't come across as being separated from SOCA as a whole. We would love to take event suggestions from the general public.

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- We could also reach out to out on campus to have collaborative events as a form of outreach. Naomi spoke to Simmi from the women's center for ideas, she suggested SOCA collaborates with the Women's Centre to host events as a way to improve its image and build relationships with members of the LGBTQIA+ community.
 - **Camping events updates.**
 - We have finalized the number of spots for the camping event. We will send out a message if anyone drops out so they can be replaced. More information transportation and others will be provided soon.
 - **Booking the dance room space for stacked con.**
 - Stackedcon reached out for assistance with booking the dance room in the sub on July 6th for their models to practice in. Since we're collaborators, we should be able to help out with the matter!
 - **Responding to Yoruba association**
 - They would like to come to our meeting and present their organization as well as have a booth during our events. They requested information about our newsletter specifications. They are welcome to come to our meetings.
 - **BAC Advisory council.**
 - **Get to know each other meeting with the BSSC coordinator**
 - The BSSC coordinator would like to have a meeting to get to know us and vice-versa as soon as possible.
 - **Booking spaces in the sub for fall events**
 - Spaces are getting filled up for the fall calendar so we need to book them early.
 - **Volunteer updates**
 - New volunteers have been onboarded and are ready to help out in SOCA. Read the manual to the new volunteers (Muno and Ian). Naomi is our volunteer coordinator!--https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15GCqmgTVOr6aFfJPIMdHaV-A8HFrBjw5Nq1a-kT_PuM/edit?usp=sharing
 - **Financial literacy workshop.**
 - We'd love to know how people felt about the workshop and what events they'd like to hear about. We would love to hold a follow up workshop in late July hopefully.
 - **ASA updates.**
 - In the process of restarting the ASA. Since ASA has been dormant for about two years, club policies have changed, so ASA cannot restart in the way it was before. Meetings have been held with the SFSS on this matter. It could either restart as an entirely separate entity from SOCA, or exist as a sub-association. In

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the latter case there is the issue of whether or not ASA would be able to maintain sovereignty. As per our last meeting, we have committed to supporting whatever decision ASA makes. If they were to be a sub-association, they would like to know what their autonomy would look like. Particularly as SOCA and ASA have vastly different missions.

- **Soca IRO councils**

- Joined 3 committees where he will be representing SOCA. SOCA is also expected to send in an exec member to the BIPOC Committee for more representation.
- Bipoc (Black, Indigenous and People of color).
- Events and community
- Equity and sustainability

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Social Justice and Advocacy Committee- working on reaching out to the queer community
 - Mekeil
 - Liya (Emiliya)
- Cultural Events Committee
 - Anne-Marie
 - Chris
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
 - Ruki
 - Nobuhle
 - Chris
- BSSC and Space Committee
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- Dance Team
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- NSA
- SSA

MOTIONS

1. Reimbursement to Emmanuel Adegboyega for transport to purchase Snacks and for the space.

Whereas, the SOCA space needs to restock monthly snacks and beverages.

Whereas, Emmanuel paid \$61.85 for transport (EVO) to aid Alison Lema in purchasing food, snacks and beverages for the space.

Whereas, Emmanuel needs to be reimbursed.

Be it resolved the amount \$61.85 will be taken from account 886/45, line #85, Contingency/Spillover 5%.

Moved by [Marie] / seconded by [Alson]
CARRIED unanimously

2. Reimbursement to Alison Lema for Snacks and drinks purchased for the space.

Whereas, the SOCA space needs to restock snacks and beverages.

Whereas, SOCA is designating \$250 for shopping for snacks and beverages for the space

Whereas, Alison Lema purchased the foods and beverages for the space and went over by \$76.53.

Be it resolved, to reimburse Alison Lema the excess amount of \$76.53 will be taken from account 886/45, line #85, Contingency/Spillover 5%.

Moved by [Nobuhle] / seconded by [Marie]
CARRIED unanimously

3. Reimbursement for Meeting refreshments.

Whereas SOCA had a membership meeting on June 21th 2024

Whereas Nobuhle Tavovesa purchased pizza as refreshments for the event.

Be it resolved to reimburse Nobuhle \$44.04 from account 886/45, line item #81, Meeting Vouchers and Snacks.

**Moved by [Marie] / seconded by [Emmanuel]
CARRIED unanimously**

4. Approve Stacy Kimani as SOCA'S assigned Representative to the BIPOC committee.

Whereas SOCA is expected to send a representative to the BIPOC Committee at the SFSS

Whereas Stacy has showed interest to represent SOCA in BIPOC committee meetings

Be it resolved that Stacy is appointed Stacy as SOCA'S BIPOC Representative.

MOVED BY [Emmanuel] SECONDED BY [Anne Marie]

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXECS AND BSSC COORDINATOR.

- Wai needs to follow up with camping events
- Anne Marie needs to post about our next mental health workshop
- Naomi needs to follow up with interested volunteers that haven't been onboarded
- Nobuhle needs to follow up with external organizations
- Araba needs to work on Cheque reqs and booking the dance room

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OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. Review the current mou with ASA and the new SFSS policies regarding Sub-associations and clubs.

Meeting Adjournment moved by [Alson], Seconded by [Anne Marie]

Meeting Adjourned at [6:25PM]