

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
[July 19th] at [5:07]

ATTENDEES: Adanna, Mekeil, Liya, Stacy, Alson, Anne-Marie, Nonu, Ruki, Bam, Akuol, Emmanuel O

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, If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?)

Adanna: She/her, access needs met, Brazil

Mekeil: She/Her, Access needs met, Thailand

Liya: she/her, access needs met, Brazil

Stacy- Sher/Her, Access needs met, The Maldives

Alson- He/Him, Access needs met, Greece

Anne-Marie - She/Her, Access need met,

Nobu- Sher/Her, Access need met, Ibiza

Ruki -

Bam - He/Him, Access needs met, China

Akouil - She/Her, Access needs met, Seychelles

Emmanuel O - He/Him, Access needs met, Switzerland

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

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REPORT OF OFFICERS

- President
 - Finalizing preparations for camping event. (grocery shopping, meal prepping etc)

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- Email correspondence
 - Exec check ins
 - Preparing for the BBQ
 - Figuring out potential candidates for our BSSC temporal position
 - Vice President
 - Attended meeting with SFSS operations organizer
 - Did space shopping and organizing
 - Worked with former bssc to ensure all reimbursements are done
 - External Relations Officer
 - Internal Relations Officer
 - Put out posters for the BBQ, Had council, and development meeting
 - Secretary

 - 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: \$58,772.67
 - Soca CG core fund: \$675
 - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - Scotiabank (external): \$4,789.58
 - Grant funding: N/A
 - Cheques to be signed (include Motions Date number approved and person to reimburse): No cheques to be signed.
 - Other: U-haul for a Van is \$21.84/KM + \$16 damage waiver(MAYBE), around \$40/KM. Pickup Trucks are only available from 5pm onwards.
 - Events Coordinator
 - First Year Rep
 - Went with Naomi to speak with the women's venue about advertisement for our potential black queer movie night (we'd love to have the event in the soca spac so as to solidify the idea that we're a welcoming space). Potentially at the beginning of august.
 - Grad Rep
 - Fraser International College (FIC) Rep
 - Nothing to report
 - Information Technology Officer (ITO)
 - Posted events on IG
 - Execs at large
 - MEKEIL - Coordinating with Executives for upcoming events.

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- - Black Student Support Centre Staff (BSSC) Staff
 - Other Assigned Members

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- - Suggestion on SOCA inclusive event. Simmi suggested a movie night, potentially in the first week of August

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Hiring a new temporal BSSC Coordinator/ forming a hiring committee

- Araba had moved on to a new position. Sfu soca is currently in the process of trying to hire a new person to fill the position.
- **SOCA visibility to SFU/FIC Students**
 - We need to ramp up our efforts advertising our events, we'd love to have a lot more variation in our attendance pool as well as improving our presence in fic. The past events we've had have been smaller scale so it's hard to gauge the extent of the problem, as well as the fact that is summer soo not many people are on campus. It would also be super helpful if execs could advertise soca to black people on campus in their day to day. We should also put physical posters around campus and our res and have a posting schedule for our events as well. We could also try to get on the newsletters for residence and fic.
- **Back 2 school party events in September**
 - Mekeil has a meeting about a collaborative back to school event with other schools, potentially on September 14, our role would be to help out with promotion and advertisement. In return, we'd potentially get discounted tickets for soca execs potentially.
- Month of welcome coming up in September, (date is confirmed, please make yourself available)
 - Week of welcome is right around the corner, we need to begin gearing up for it. We have to submit our event schedule in order for it to be included in SFU's official calendar for the month of welcome. Our first year social shall be held on September Friday the 13th!
- Fall Events Calendar:
- a. We have clubs day, Catch a Vybz, 1st & 2nd year social and might do something for Halloween (AFROween like last year), Cuisine workshop, Education workshop. In the fall every exec must also come up with their own program they wish to hold for the duration of the semester.

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Motions

1. Summer BBQ event.

Whereas SOCA has its last event of the summer which is the Summer BBQ

Whereas a budget of \$1600 has been allocated to the expenses of this event

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$1600 for the expenses of the Summer Barbecue.

Be it further resolved that the allocated amount be taken from line item #18 Summer Barbecue, account #795/45

Moved by {emmanuel } / Seconded by [Alson]

CARRIED unanimously

2. Reimbursement for space shopping.

Whereas SOCA needs to restock the BSSC Space

Whereas Araba purchased snacks and refreshments for the space

Be it resolved to reimburse Araba the amount of \$424.25 from **Acct:[815/45]SOCA Operational and Administrative Account**

Moved by [Anne-Marie] / seconded [Alison]

3. Reimbursement for meeting refreshments.

Whereas Soca conducted a meeting on July 19th and refreshments were bought for general members and executives.

Whereas Stacy purchased pizza for members.

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Be it resolved to reimburse Stacy \$56.58 from Acct:[886/45]Line item: #81 - Meetings Vouchers and Snacks.

Moved by [Adanna] / Seconded by [nobuhle]
CARRIED unanimously

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. Increasing SOCA's visibility. Maybe having a social committee work on promoting SOCA?
2. Exec meeting attendance: some people who have not shown have not sent in regrets, Emmanuel is dissatisfied with this behavior and is pushing for consequences. According to the constitution, if an exec for this trice, they're out.
3. We're not to improve our petting and implement a posting schedule, as well as having the posters prepared well in advance. Execs should also repost on personal accounts to improve traction. Anne Marie has volunteered to sacrifice herself for our tik tok
4. We got feedback requesting they wet not reuse old poster designs, but design something completely new

Stacy looked into booking the community kitchen for us to cut and marinate the chicken for the barbecue

Meeting Adjournment moved by [emmanuel] , Seconded by [anne Marie]

Meeting Adjourned at [6:14]