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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
[Date: 15th March, 2024] at [05:13 PM]

ATTENDEES: Amina, Laury, Alison, Evans, Anne-Marie, Ruki, Akuol, Adanna, Yaye, Samantha, Balqees, Claire, Chike, Nengi, Jayden

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 we recognize the importance of this acknowledging that this land has never been granted, surrendered nor sold to any government but taken by force.

ROUNDS

(Name, Pronouns, Access needs, what's your walk-out song?)

Amina, she/her, met, walk-out song: Baby - Justin Bieber
Evans, he/him, met, walk-out: Faneto - Chief kid
Alson, he/him, met, walk-out: Mount Everest - Labyrinth
Sam, she/they, met, walk-out: Superstar- Jamiela
Anne- Marie, she/her, met, Sability: Ayra starr
Lauretta, she/her, met, ruin:usher, pheelz
Chikezir, he/him, met, LEMONHEAD - Tyler, The Creator
Nengi, she/her, met, Call my name - J' Calm
Jayden, he/him, met, To liberty and beyond
Akoul, she/her, met,Otd-Njerae
Adanna, she/her, met, Aya Nakamura
Yaye, she/her, met, Pony
Balqees, she/her, needs to leave in 7 mins, not sure
Ruki, he/him, met, Massa

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

3. [DRAFT] February 15th 2024 - General Meeting Minutes APPROVED

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REPORT OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS FOLLOW UP

- President
 - Representing SOCA at the Yale Africa Conference
 - Dealing with staff related issues
 - Cheque Requisitions
 - Leading Executive meetings
 - Planning for elections and nominating committee
 - Email correspondence
- Vice President (Not Present)
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- External Relations Officer (Regrets)
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- Internal Relations Officer
 - SFSS Council
- Secretary
 - Composed the newsletter
 - Helped restock the space
 - Aided in cleaning the space
- Treasurer (and Finances report)
 - Accounts balances and in and out flows (trust, levy fund, soca core, staff department line item, scotiabank, outstanding/upcoming grants):
 - Trust:\$2,667.67
 - Levy: \$45,556
 - Soca CG core fund:\$1,687.23
 - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - Scotiabank (external): \$2773
 - Grant funding
 - Cheques to be signed (include Motions Date and Number approved and person to reimburse):
 - Other:
- Events Coordinator: Not Here
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- First Year Rep
 - Nothing to Report
- Grad Rep (Regrets)
 - Nothing to report
- FIC Rep (Regrets)
 - Released ep 3 of podcast
 - Managed Instagram

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- ITO - (Not Here)
- Execs at large

Akuol: nothing to report

Amina: helping out with motions

Claire: (Regrets)

- SOCA BSSC Staff Support
- Other Assigned Members and Items

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- None to report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **2024/2025 SOCA Elections - Nominating Committee**
 - Asking if anyone wants to be part of the nominating committee. We need 4 people. If you want to run you can be on the committee. Akoul, Evans, Daisy, Laretta
- **SOCA Merch:**
 - \$10 FOR 1 , \$15 FOR 2
 - If you are interested in getting any, you can come by the space to purchase.
- **African Student Association Restart:**
 - **Anyone interested in joining the ASA, contact Evans @evans_munene.**
 - Sign up for asa here: <https://go.sfss.ca/clubs/298/>
 - ASA and SOCA weren't merged, just have an MOU. Hence they are still a separate group.
- **SOCA BSSC Coordinator**
 - Laury had a meeting with the SFSS regarding Araba's return
 - Supposed to be back the previous weeks but went on vacation
 - Still pushing for a new coordinator—hard to get the unions understanding
 - Araba has asked to work remotely for the month of March, and return in-person in April—not feasible for us
 - We will deal with the situation when she returns in April
 - SOCA has voted on the fact that we want a new coordinator and has been communicated with the union

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- The reason why she cannot be terminated is because there are no grounds for termination—but we have receipts soooooo????
- Needs to be a proper chain of reporting for the new executive team. Everything must be emailed, documented, etc. in order to maintain clarity between the parties
- **New Equity Assistant—Meet Sam!**
 - Will be helping us out in terms of admins, cheq reqs, events, etc.
 - Send an email and if she has the capacity to do so she can help us out.
 - Happy to help!
 - You can read more about the role via the SOCA general email.
 - It is a new role so there is no clear guidelines, depends on the CG that is being helped out
 - Sams email will be out in the next newsletter so contact them from there
 - Balqees asks whether the role will be helping out the executive team or any students from the SFSS can approach her?
 - Sam reports to anyone who needs them
 - What happens when our coordinator does not respond to our case
 - Discussion that Sam will need to have when she gets here
 - Since SOCA executives does a bulk of the work, Sam would be answering to us mainly
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COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Social Justice and Advocacy Committee - N/A
- Cultural Events Committee
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
- BCSC Committee
- Dance Team
- NSA
- SSA

MOTIONS

1. Honorarium for CJSF Member for Contributions from 30th Anniversary

Whereas Connor Ashton assisted SOCA on the day of the 30th Anniversary dealing with tech equipment for the live band.

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Whereas the SOCA executives and memberships have agreed that the works of Connor Ashton be rewarded with monetary value,

Be it resolved that Connor be given \$500 as an honorarium for helping with the 30th Anniversary

Be it further resolved that this amount be taken out of line item #38, "Cultural Night", Account 795/45

**Moved by [Chike] / seconded by [Anne-Marie]
CARRIED**

2. Executive Retreat

Whereas the SOCA executives have a retreat after the end of each semester.

Whereas the SOCA executives plan on using roughly \$3500 for the executive retreat

Be it resolved, that SOCA uses \$1,404.15 from line item 81, "Execs Transition Retreats, Training and Leadership Development", Account 886/45

Be it further resolved that SOCA uses \$1,100 from Core Account 5091C

Be it further resolved that SOCA uses \$1000 from line item 85, "Contingency/Spillover Fund", Account 886/45

**Moved by [Laury] / seconded by [Emmanuel]
CARRIED Unanimously**

3. SOCA Elections Commencements,

Whereas SOCA is holding an election in the spring of 2024

Be it resolved that SOCA calls elections for Spring 2024/25 elections as follows for the Nominating Committee to work with policies in line with the previous elections policies and execute the elections within these periods.

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- Nomination Period: Mar 18th - 22nd (by 12:00pm), Campaign Period: Mar 23rd - Mar 26th (11:59pm), Voting Period: Mar 27th - 29th (ends by 4:00 PM)

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

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Whereas, Nominating Committee is to be struck for formation of elections and policies,

Be it resolved that X, X,X and X be appointed as per constitution VI.6, and in the event that someone else is interested from membership, they be appointed from amongst to occupy the third and fourth seat on the Nominating Committee at a future meeting

Discussion: Akuol, Daisy, Evans and Laury

5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE Members

Whereas, the members for the Nominating Committee have been chosen.

Whereas, Akuol Chan, Evans Munene, Laretta Umukoro, and Daisy Bigirwa are interested to be a part of the nominating committee,

Be it resolved that Akoul Chan, Evans Munene, Laretta Umukoro, and Daisy Bigirwa are appointed as per constitution VI. 6, to be the Spring 2024/25 Nominating Committee members.

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

CARRIED Unanimously

6. SVSPOxSOCAx Black Healing Group Working Sessions Mixer

Whereas SOCA, Sexual Violence Support & Prevention Office (SVSPO), and Tricia Kay plan on holding a mixer and mingle event to get students to speak about sexual and mental health awareness

Whereas the mixer will have a variety of activities and snacks present.

Be it resolved that SOCA approve the amount of \$1500 for the mixer event

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Be it resolved that SOCA takes the amount of \$457 from line item #49 “SOCA BSSC Educational and EDI Workshops” account breakdown 741/45

Be it further resolved that SOCA takes the amount \$862.9 from line item #53 “SOCA BSSC Coordinator-Led Special Programming and Services” account breakdown 741/45

Be it further resolved that SOCA takes the amount \$113.16 from line item #59 “SFU Black Student Support Campaigns” account breakdown 741/45

Be it further resolved that SOCA takes the remaining balance of \$66.94 from line item #85 “Contingency/Spillover fund (5%)” account breakdown 886/45

**Moved by [Laury] / seconded by [Chike]
CARRIED unanimously**

7. Flash Drive for Podcast

Whereas the SOCA executives in charge of the podcast are in need of a flash/hard drive for their podcast episodes

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$100 from line item #67 “Office Supplies/Expenses” account breakdown 820/45, for the purchase of a flash/hard drive

**Moved by [Laury] / seconded by [Alson]
CARRIED unanimously**

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Executive Reports—do them before exec retreat

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

Athletics community doing an after gala on april 2nd

Choosing to open up to SOCA from 10pm to 2am, Downtown if anyone is interested reach out to Emmanuel

Ruki and Trixie update the website.....

Meeting Adjournment moved by [Amina] , Seconded by [Ruki]

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Meeting Adjourned at [5:58PM]