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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
[29 September, 2023] at [5:18pm]

ATTENDEES: Laretta, Emmanuel A, Alison, Ruki, Akoul, Chike, Trixie, Oromiya, Yaye, Emmanuel O, Matilda, Adanna, Jennifer, Remi, Destiny, Vivian, Daisy, Yaren

MEETING AGENDA

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SOCA recognizes we are situated on the unceded territories Coast Salish Territories of the Musqueam, Kwikwetlem, Squamish, 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, One thing you had good this week and one you're looking forward to or alternative)

Laretta Umukoro, she/her, access needs are met, she is going to an amapiano event this evening, looking forward to that

Emmanuel Adegboyega, he/him, access needs are met, looking forward to the long weekend

Alison Lema, he/him, access needs are met, Looking forward to Sunday Ball!

Ruki Ukwade, he/him, access needs are met, The strike is a good thing for him

Akuol Chan, she/her, access needs are met, the week ended

Chikeziri Ogbonna-Onugha, he/him, access needs are met, looking forward to Nigerian independence day

Trixie, she/her, access needs are met, visiting her aunt in Alberta next week

Oromiya Ali, she/her, access needs are met,

Yaye Balde, she/her, access needs are met, looking forward to going home

Emmanuel Onuigbo, he/him, access needs are met,

Matilda She/her/ access needs are met

Adanna Nduagu, she/her, access needs are met,

Jennifer, she/her access needs met, looking forward to finishing the midterms

Amina, she/her, access needs met, I am Looking forward to studying

Remi they/them access needs are met, looking forward to a night out tomorrow


Destiny, she/her, access needs met, looking forward to the long weekend

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Vivian, she/her, access needs are met, looking forward to the long weekend
Daisy, she/her access needs are met, looking forward to the long weekend
Yaren, she/her, access needs met

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- Approved -  13. [DRAFT] Agenda General Meeting Minutes - Sept 15th

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- President
 - Planning Halloween Collab with UBCBSU and Good Co Bar
 - Email Correspondence
 - Hosting and Planning Mental Health Workshop
 - Planned and Hosted Catch Ah Vybz
- Vice President
 - Emails
 - Planned catch a vybz
 - Kept the space open
 - Planned the men's mental health workshop
- External Relations Officer -
 - Helped set up and clean up for Catch A Vybz
 - Did Clubs Day at the Surrey
- Internal Relations Officer
 - SFSS Council (soca has joined a new council, Yaye will need to review minutes in order to determine exactly which one.)
 - sTRIKE
 - Mental Health Workshop
- Secretary
 - Helped plan movie night
 - Impromptu for DJ for Catch Ah Vybz.
 - Kept space open
 - Helped with cleaning of the space
- Treasurer
 - ❖ Accounts balances and in and out flows (trust, levy fund, soca core, staff department line item, scotiabank, outstanding/upcoming grants):
 - Trust: \$5583.52 (\$5441.03)
 - Levy: \$50,402.49
 - Soca CG core fund: \$775.00 (\$505.98)
 - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - Scotiabank (external): \$2528.84
 - Grant funding: -

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- ❖ Cheques to be signed (include Motions Date and Number approved and person to reimburse):
 - ❖ Cheque requisition: \$502.35 spent for food on catch-ah-vybz by Mary Phan
 - ❖ Other: Waiting for first day of “When Men Talk”, Football Tournament with UBC
 - ❖ Football tournament with langara
 - ❖ SUB closes next week!
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- Events Coordinator
 - Set up games for Catch Ah Vybz (everyone enjoyed them!). We’ll possibly switch up the games next time
 - Volunteer to mental health workshop
 - First Year Rep:
 - Was in the space as an exec.
 - Helped make buttons
 - Clean space
 - Grad Rep - Vacant
 - Fraser International College (FIC) Rep - Vacant
 - Information Technology Officer (ITO)
 - Assisted in Catch Ah Vybz
 - Made posters for the workshops
 - Helped out on clubs day
 - Execs at large
 - Akoul: catch ah vybz
 - Being in space
 - Amina: went to catch a vybz
 - Claire: Absent
 - Black Student Support Centre Staff (BSSC) Staff
 - Regret as Mary is currently on vacation
 - Food purchase
 - Assist with Catch Ah Vybz
 - Support execs with projects

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- N/A

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Halloween Party with UBCBSU
 - there's going to be a party on the 27th October at good coal bar. It's 19+ and it's a costume party. A wide range of music will be available! Tickets go live this evening. It's a collaboration with UBC. The study was abandoned as a location due to unreasonable pricing for the bar and rent. They also have strict event deadlines. The new location makes things easier. The event will be from 9pm to 3am. Hope to see all NON minors there
- Nominating Committee
 - two positions open to be filled. Volunteers are needed for the nominating committee. Or yourself up now! You'll be responsible for the smooth running of the election. If your interest is piqued announce yourself.
- Community Kitchen
 - A fusion of East and West African dishes. Currently looking for cooking volunteers presently. Your chance to share a cherished recipe with the general public. Apparently, jollof is an unfavorable dish:(. We could make EBA! with egusi soup. If you're interested in cooking or bringing a recipe notify us so we can procure ingredients in advance. It's a/0 person event, first come first serve. Multiple execs are East Africans capable of cooking, they could possibly be in charge of the East African fish. Oromiya could cook as well
- ATARE Foods
 - A Nigerian-owned company based in Ontario reached out to do some advertising. They have traditional Nigerian dishes. They reached out soo they could bring some samples to soca so we could share them at events alongside flyers. They aim to build a fan base with sfu students. Free Stuff!
- Purchase Tiara's books
 - Tiara launched her new book. We're thinking of purchasing some closures to support her as well as to provide an enlightening read to the community.
- Vendor Business (Kwame)
 - Kwame is interested in having a vending machine in the space for people too but stuff from. Membership has to agree to it first though as it will be in the space. There might be some sfss policy against it though, we'll have to ask and find out
- VIFF World Premiere - Hogan's Alley
 - Hogans Alley was the first black community in Vancouver, was demolished in the 60s. It's currently being reinstated. A movie has been made about it, and will be premiered at SFU Vancouver. Open to anyone interested. The trailer is sick as hell. It's on Monday, October 3rd

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- Donations from BBA
 - Laury did on the steering committee. They're looking for a home for the mural they had for the party's first edition. Laury suggested Soca store it for the time being but they're open to giving it to us. We're not sure if it can fit in the space though but we could give it away as well to a black-owned business or something. We're trying to get in touch with ethos lab. We're open to suggestions. Hogans alley could be an option as well

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

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

MOTIONS

1. Halloween Party Expenses

Whereas SOCA is organizing a Halloween Party for the 27th of October at Good Co. Bar.

Whereas this event is in collaboration with UBC BSU

Whereas the expenses of this events entails the cost of DJs, Photography and other event related costs

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$1500 to cover the cost of this event.

Be it further resolved that the above cost be taken out of the trust account Account number; 5091/Z

Moved by [**Gloria**] / seconded by [**Emmanuel**]

CARRIED unanimously

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The collaboration with UBC is promotion-wise. We covered costs as well as most of the planning so we take all proceeds from ticket sales!

2. SOCA Fall By-Elections 2023

Whereas SOCA is holding a by-election in the fall of 2023

Be it resolved that SOCA calls elections for Fall 2023 By-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.

- Nomination Period: Oct 11-17 (by 12:00pm), Campaign Period: October 18 (6:00pm) - October 23 (11:59pm), Voting Period: October 25 - 27 (ends by 11:59 pm)

Moved by [Alson] / Seconded by [Amina]

CARRIED unanimously

3. 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

Moved by [Yaye] / seconded by [Amina]

Discussion: Gloria Amina Yaye and Jennifer are on the nominating committee!

Be it resolved that Gloria, 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

Moved by [Daisy] / seconded by [Chike]

CARRIED unanimously

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4. Reimbursement to Mary Phan for Surrey Tabling for Welcome week.

Whereas Mary Phan held tabling at Surrey Service Fair for Welcome week on the Sept 7th

Whereas parking was required at the surrey campus for this event

Whereas SOCA will have to reimbursed Mary for the parking expenses

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$8 to be reimbursed to Temp. BBSC Mary Phan.

Be it further resolved that the above expenses be taken out of line item # 46 account 741/45

Moved by [Amina] / seconded by [Gloria]

CARRIED unanimously

5. Reimbursement to Emmanuel for purchasing food for SOCA BBQ

Whereas the amount of \$1400 was approved for the BBQ in the summer semester.

Whereas there was an overspend of the approved amount,

Whereas Emmanuel Adegboyega spent the amount of \$401.10 on the purchases of the summer BBQ

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$401.10 to Emmanuel for the expenses of the summer BBQ

Be it further resolved that this amount be taken out line item 16 and 19 - Summer BBQ with \$75.03, Summer bi-weekly with \$33.38 in account 795/45, and the amount of \$150.26 will be taken from Contingency account, line item 85 account 886/45 and lastly \$142.49 will be taken from the SOCA Trust account 5091/Z.

Moved by [Alson] / seconded by [Chike]

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6. Reimbursement to Laretta for Executive Meeting Refreshments

Whereas the executive team held its first semester meeting on the 21st of September

Whereas refreshments were provided for the meeting, which was covered by Laretta

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$33.54

Be it further resolved that this line item comes out of line item 81 account #886/45

7. Reimbursement to Laretta for expenses for Catch Ah Vybz

Whereas SOCA hosted its semesterly Catch Ah Vybz Icebreaker

Whereas the approved amount of this event was exceeded and the extra expenses had to be covered.

Be it resolved that SOCA approved the amount of \$73.40 to be reimbursed to Laretta.

Be it further resolved that this amount comes out line item #85 account#886/45

Moved by [Daisy] / seconded by [Emmanuel]

CARRIED unanimously

8. Reimbursement to Emmanuel for Catch Ah Vybz Expenses

Whereas SOCA hosted its semesterly Catch Ah Vybz Icebreaker

Whereas the approved amount of this event was exceeded and the extra expenses had to be covered.

Be it resolved that SOCA approved the amount of \$228.55 to be reimbursed to Emmanuel.

Be it further resolved that this amount comes out line item #85 account#886/45

Moved by [Amina] / seconded by [Alson]

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9. Purchase of Tiara Cash's new books for the SOCA library

Whereas former SOCA graduate representative recently launched her first book "Little Brown Girl, You Belong"

Whereas SOCA would like to purchase two copies for its Library

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of up to \$100 for these purchases

Be it further resolved that the above amount comes out of line item #49 account 741/45

Moved by [Alson] / seconded by [Amina]

CARRIED unanimously

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Action Items
 - Open your damn emails and respond to them. Respond to the group chat as well.

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. Strike Action- The sub will be closed beginning next Tuesday as a result of the TSSU strike. This could impact SOCA's ability to hold events. The strike could go on as long as 2-3 months. Read up on the strike action and educate yourself on the employer's predatory practices. Res and DH will not be picketed but probably don't come to class on Tuesday as there will be massive picketing. Come at your own risk as crossing the picket line is very VERY rude and might ruin your social life. You'll be embarrassed! If you cant attend classes because of the picket line, you legally can't be failed for the class. Some professors will not be able to mark their own papers. Let's hope it doesn't drag on forever. Also expect certain school facilities to be closed. Several clubs and unions are shutting down operations as well.

Meeting Adjournment moved by [Chike] , Seconded by [Gloria]

Meeting Adjourned at [6:25pm]