

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
[Nov, 10th, 2023] at [5:30]

ATTENDEES: Laretta, Anne Marie, Emmanuel A., Emmanuel, Akoul, Ruki, Yaye, Remi, Oromiya, Daisy, Trixie, Gloria, Amina, Alison

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's your Star sign)

Laretta , she/her, Aries

Anne- Marie, She/her, Libra

Emmanuel he/him Scorpio

Emmanuel, he/him, don't know sign

Akuol she/her pieces

Ruki, He/him, Leo

Yaye, she/her. Aquarius

Remi, they/them, Virgo

Oromiya Gemini, she/her,

Daisy she her Pisces

Trixie she/her Leo

Gloria she/her Pisces

Amina she her Sagittarius

Alison Lema, Libra

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **Approved:**
 - **15. [DRAFT] Meeting Minutes (Oct 27th) - SFU SOCA**

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- President

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- Email Correspondence
 - Support in transitioning of staff
 - Shopping for African Cuisine
 - Planning Cultural Night
 - Checking with Executive and their projects
 - Sorting out finances
 - Planning for BHM
 - Vice President:
 - Email correspondence
 - Exec meeting
 - Meeting with staff
 - Men's workshop
 - External Relations Officer
 - attending mental health workshop
 - Got noodles for the space
 - Internal Relations Officer
 - Council Meeting
 - Meeting with Jennifer
 - Black Caucus Meeting
 - Cultural night- Shopping and managing ticket sales
 - African Cuisine Workshop
 - Secretary
 - Men;s mental health workshop
 - Space maintenance
 - Cleaning up the chill room
 - Treasurer
 - Football tournament against Langara
 - Accounts balances and in and out flows (trust, levy fund, soca core, staff department line item, scotiabank, outstanding/upcoming grants):
 - Trust: \$5441.09
 - Levy: \$44,666. 22
 - Soca CG core fund: \$1012.23
 - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - Scotiabank (external): \$2528.84
 - Grant funding: \$0
 - Events Coordinator
 - ❖ Setting the by-election nominations
 - ❖ African Cuisine workshop

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- First Year Rep
 - Send regrets
 - Grad Rep (vacant)
 - Fraser International College (FIC) Rep
 - Information Technology Officer (ITO)
 - Made reel and took pictures for the African community kitchen
 - Creating a post for the soccer game against Langara
 - Execs at large
 - 1. Akoul:
 - 2. Amina- helped out nominating committee. Helping another group with a movie screening at the soca space
 - Black Student Support Centre Staff (BSSC) Staff: Vacant
 - Other Assigned Members:
 - Working on volunteer list

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- Election Reports
 - **Election Results as follows:**
 - TOTAL ELIGIBLE VOTERS FOR EXEC POSITIONS (3) (7 ineligible out of 10 respondents on the Voting Google Form as they did not sign up before the voting period began)

FIC Representative

Trixie Munyambu (She/Her/Hers) - **ELECTED**

Yes: 2, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Malik Mbita (He/Him/His)

Yes: 1, No: 0, Abstain: 0

First-Year Representative

Chikezeri Ogbonna-Onugha (He/Him/His) - **ELECTED**

Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Grad Representative

Oluwaremilekun Makinde (They/Them) - **ELECTED**

Yes: 2, No: 1, Abstain: 0

- Many students wish to see more cultural events from SOCA
- For how well SOCA advocates for students (1: not very well, 5: very well), the median was 4.111
- For how included students felt within SFU (1: not very included, 5: feels very included), the median was 3.78
- And there were no suggestions on behalf of SOCA for what they could do better.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Cultural Night
 - We posted on instagram about it. It's december 2nd at the ballroom. No door tickets. A cocktail(mocktail) themed event. It's a chill event with a fashion show by a small business we're partnered with. Only finger food soo eat before you come! There are no cocktails, sfu wouldn't allow it. There'll be free mocktails provided. No pajamas!
- Go Fund Me for Student - In- Need
 - A soca member reached out saying they need help securing tuition for their next semester as they're having a tough time getting help from their parents. This is to find out if soca membership is open to hosting it and possibly donating to the go fund me. Our current goal is to help the student stay in school for the time being, this is not a sustainable strategy, but it's something.
- Black History Month Events:-
- The outline of the events we'll be having at the upcoming black history month. Perhaps an after party as well (tentative), Parte after Parte! If you'd like to help out in planning, reach out to any exec that doesn't look too busy!
 - Opening Ceremony & Panel Discussion.
 - Games and Trivia
 - SOCA 30th Anniversary in collab w/ Black Caucus
- Volunteer Orientation:
 - if you're interested in being a volunteer, keep an eye on our socials for the sign up link. You'd have to attend volunteer orientation after which you'd get the code to the door

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- Open Letter and Call to Action to SFU President
 - this group (SJP) has written an open letter to the president of sfu about the Palestinian crisis. They're calling on soca to sign on to the letter, students can sign on as well
 - Football Tournament w/ Langara
 - Alson and emmanuel (another one) are trying to figure out the splitting of teams based on people who applied, they're also trying to organize the creation one medals for the event. The date for the game isn't fixed yet, but the event is definitely happening, as we got 30 signups

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 Fright Night at PNE

Whereas SOCA hosted a halloween fright night at PNE on the 31st of October, 2023

Whereas Temp. BSSC Mary purchased a total of 8 tickets for this event

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$456 for the purchase of these tickets

Be it further resolved that this amount be taken out of line item "85"

Contingency/Spillover Fund", Account 886/45

Moved by [yaye] / **seconded by [gloria]**

CARRIED unanimously

2. Reallocation of the Men's talk refreshment expenses

Whereas the expense of the Men's talk was initially allocated to line item "85",

Contingency/Spillover Fund, with \$1000 allocated to this workshop

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Whereas the expense of this workshop will be reallocated to a new line item, alongside a new budget for these expenses

Be it resolved that the new allocated amount towards the Men's workshop is \$500

Be it further resolved that this amount be taken out of line item "52" SFU Black Student Support Campaigns

Moved by [daisy] / seconded by [ruki]

CARRIED unanimously

3. Reimbursement to Laretta for Mary's sendoff gifts

Whereas Laretta purchased gift items for Temp. Bssc Mary's sendoff gift as she is leaving the role and SOCA wanted to show its appreciation with a gift

Be it resolved that Laretta be reimbursed for the amount of \$43.04

Be it further resolved that this amount be taken out of line item 85 "Contingency/Spillover Fund" Account 886/45

Moved by [Amina] / seconded by [anne marie]

CARRIED unanimously

4. Reallocation of Cultural Night Budget

Whereas SOCA's annual Cultural Night is scheduled to happen on the 2nd of December

Whereas an initial budget of \$5000 was approved from line item "27" and the trust account

Whereas the budget of this event will like to be reallocated to line item "26", "27", "85"

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$5000 for the expenses of this event

Be it further resolved that the above amount be taken out of the following line items; 26, Student Year Group Welcome Events \$1000, 27; Campus Caribbean/African Themed Community Party (\$3000) 85 Account 795/45; Contingency/Spillover Fund (\$1000) Account 886/45

Moved by [Yaye] / seconded by [Remi]
CARRIED unanimously

5. Purchase of Computer Accessories for the SOCA Space

Whereas there's a need of an HDMI adapter and charging cables for the SOCA space

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$100 for the purchase of the items.

Be it further resolved that the above amount be taken out line item "75", Office Supplies/Room Maintenance Supplies Expense, Account 815/45

Moved by [Akuol] / seconded by [Anne marie]
CARRIED unanimously

6. Purchase of Instax Film Fuji Camera for SOCA space

Whereas SOCA would like to purchase an Instax Film Fuji Camera for the space

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of up to \$320 for this item

Be it further resolved that this amount be taken out of line item "75", Office Supplies/Room Maintenance Supplies Expense, Account 815/45

Moved by [Amina] / seconded by [gloria]
CARRIED unanimously!

7. By-Election Results Received and Draft Nominating Committee Report

Whereas, the elections voting closed on November 3rd, 2023 and results were released by the Nominating Committee,

Be it resolved to ratify the results here as follows as listed below and the respective positions be filled as listed for the 2023/24 Executive team to start their term effective immediately at the end of the Transition Retreat and Training,

a. FIC Representative: Trixie Munyambu (She/Her/Hers)

b. First Year Representative: Chikezeri Ogbonna-Onugha (He/Him/His)

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Be it further resolved to accept the full report from the Nominating Committee at the next meeting upon completion from the nominating committee.-

**Moved by [Amina] / seconded by [akuol]
CARRIED unanimously**

8. Signing onto the Open Letter and Call to Action to SFU President and Board Chair

Whereas SOCA has been asked to be an organization to sign onto the Open Letter and Call to Action to address the silence of SFU President Joy Johnson and Board Chair Angie Lamarsh

Whereas the letter outlines the steps and procedures that the SFU President and Board Chair must take in order to break their silence and address the situation that is outlined within the letter.

Be it resolved that SOCA signs the letter as an organization within the SFSS to support the Student For Justice in Palestine (SJP) student group's initiatives in demanding the statement from the SFU President and Board Chair.

**Moved by [Amina] / seconded by [Oromiya]
CARRIED unanimously**

8. Football Tournament w/ Langara BSU

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Exec meeting on the 23rd November
- Exec retreat will be supposedly, Chinese and an escape room. For next semester Laury was thinking of having an actual full on retreat at either Victoria or west vancouver. It'd be a sleepover type event like what we did in the summer. A 3 day 2 night event. We've voted on Victoria!

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. None

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

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Meeting Adjourned at [6:22pm]