

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)

[Date: 24 November, 2023]

ATTENDEES: Laury, Ruki, Amina, Daisy, Gloria, Oromiya, Jana, Allison, Adanna, Talitha, Chike, Trixie, Gift, Stephen, Akoul, Evans, Remi

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, If you had a superpower what would it be?)

- Laury, She/Her, teleportation , Access needs met
- Ruki He/Him to be able to do anything I want (weaponized laziness)
- Amina, She/jher, Access needs, reading minds
- Daisy She/Her, Access needs
- Gloria She/Her
- Oromiya She/Her
- Jana She/Her teleportation
- Allison He/Him access needs met, lightning speed
- Adanna, She/her, Access needs not met, can't see the screen properly, be invisible !
- Talitha she/her to be invisible
- Chike he/him teleportation
- Trixie, she/her, access needs met, controls people's minds(y'all are demented!)
- Gift, she/her access needs partly met? Ability to ace all exams (academic weapon)
- Stephen he/him, Access needs are met, flying
- Akoul, She/her, Access needs met, to know everything
- Evans, He/him, Access needs met, manifestation
- Remi, They/Them, access needs are met, telepathy

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **November 10th - General Meeting Minutes -**
 - **16. [DRAFT] Meeting Template - Nov 10th, 2023 - SFU SOCA**

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS FOLLOW UP

- President
 - Email Correspondence
 - Meetings with Jennifer (SFU Student Services (DEI))
 - Meeting with Yale Africa group
 - Checking in on Finance stuff
 - Planning cultural night
 - Planning Black History Month
- Vice President
 - Opening open the space
 - Men's group
 - Planning for upcoming soca events
 - Exec meeting
 - Helping out students in need of financial support
- External Relations Officer (Absent)
- Internal Relations Officer
 - Council
 - Planning Cultural Night (Note* They don't have red velvet at Safeway and their chocolate and tiramisu cakes are small) most likely will have to get it from a different place)
- Secretary:
 - Kept the space open,
 - took meeting minutes
 - restocked the shelves.
- 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: \$3,214.94
 - Levy: \$41,839.37
 - Soca CG core fund: \$1,012.23
 - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - Scotiabank (external): \$1,975.64
 - Grant funding
 - Cheques to be signed (include Motions Date and Number approved and person to reimburse):

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- Cheque requisitions to be done
 - Other:
 - Events Coordinator:
 - Preparation for cultural night
 - First Year Rep
 - Nothing to report
 - Grad Rep
 - FIC Rep
 - Execs at large
 - Akuol- nothing to report
 - Amina - nothing to report
 - SOCA BSSC Staff Support (Vacant)
 - Other Assigned Members and Items
 - Volunteer Coordinator:

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- N/A

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Cultural Night Performers.
 - Cultural night is next week Saturday. Currently looking for performers, let your friends know or grace us with your talents! There may or may not be an incentive to perform. We'll also have a fashion show!
- Yale Africa Conference
 - Yale Africa innovation symposium is having a conference at Yale university next March and are inviting students to take part. There'll be problem solving workshops, networking, recruitment drives and a gala. If you're interested, they're willing to "cover" accommodation, whereas you'll co habit with a Yale student to live in their dorms.. Reach out to Laury if it tickles your fancy
- Volunteers
 - Sign up as a volunteer to get the keys to the castle! There'll be ongoing sessions for them as well
- ASA (African Students Association)
 - There's a push to restart ASA, they're looking for people who're willing to help keep the ASA alive as it's a safe space for Africans! Some people interested in running it aren't interested in the advocacy branch of the work, but it would be problematic to revive post of the program while abandoning others.
- Podcast

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- Initiative to start a soca podcast that is posted on apple podcast and Spotify. The idea would be that we'd have soca members having discussions about our experiences as well as our views on topical issues. The sim is to have 4-5 people in an episode, including guests. Sfu had the equipment to support this vision (recording lab in the library) the large number of people could cause the session to become chaotic, so the number of participants could be brought down. A Spotify account would be a nice touch as well, soo soca could also share playlists and such. Reach out to Trixie for details. Sim is for Terri episodes per month. Makes for the Oscar are open to discussion.

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

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

MOTIONS

1. Catch Ah Vybz Spring 2024

Whereas Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry is having a spring Catch Ah Vybz

Whereas the SOCA line item #32 "Catch Ah Vybz Spring Icebreaker" in Account #795/45 is designated for the Catch Ah Vybz event.

Be it resolved that SOCA uses up to \$3,000 from the SOCA line item #32 in Account #795/45 to purchase food and drinks for the event.

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

2. Reimbursement to Alison for the booking of the space for football match

Whereas there was a football game held between SFU SOCA and Langara's Friends of Executives.

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Whereas booking the field at Burnaby Sports Complex cost \$208.64 and SFUSOCA and Langara are to split the costs in half and SOCA paid \$104.32

Be it resolved that Alison be reimbursed \$104.32 for the booking of the field

Be it further resolved that this amount comes from line item #85, "Contingency/ Spillover Fund Account 886/45

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

3. SOCA Executive Retreat

Whereas the SOCA executives are hosting an executive retreat on December, 16th 2023

Whereas the SOCA line item #81 titled, "Execs Transition Retreats, Training and Leadership Development" in Account #886/45 is designated for any Executive internal activities

Be it resolved that SOCA uses up to \$1,404.15 from the SOCA line item #81 in Account #886/45 for their executive retreat.

Moved by [Alson] / seconded by [chike]
CARRIED by majority vote (13 yes

Roll Call:

Amina-yes
Jana yes
Chike-yes
Talitha yes
Ruki yes
Adanna: dissent
Alison yes
Evans:yes
Akuol: yes
Trixie:yes
Gift:yes
Stephen:yes
Laury:yes
Remi: yes

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ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Action Items

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. Adanna was just trying to express dissatisfaction with her rejection for inclusion in the exec retreat (jokingly) didn't mean to dissent. Laury's vote agrees with her viewpoint, but as Adana isn't an exec, she can't be included in the interest of fairness. Adanna feels ultimately underprepared for her role in soca.
2. We need to go shopping for the space sometime next week, as a collaboration with Mary. Members aren't allowed to dip into the shelves at this point when you eat or use the space, clean up. Make sure not to dispose of food in the bins at the space though.

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

Meeting Adjourned at [6:24pm]