

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

[Date: February 2nd, 2024]

ATTENDEES: Laury, Ruki, Anne-Marie, Stephen, Marie, Akuol, Trixie, Amina, Oromiya, Claire, Susie, 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, Question: What form self-care are you giving yourselves this BHM)

- Laury, she/her access needs met, going to the movies (
- Ruki he/him access needs met reading more books
- Steven he/him access needs meet, buying more clothes
- Anne Marie she/her access needs met, no self care!
- Akuol she/her access needs met, swimming
- Marie she/her access needs met, reading
- Trixie she/her access needs met, traveling
- Amina she/her access needs met, writing
- Claire she/her access needs met, learn about black history
- Remi they/them access needs met, meditation and journaling
- Susie, she/her access needs met (Might Leave early), learning to ski!

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- 1. [Draft] Agenda - January 19, 2024 - SFU SOCA**

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS FOLLOW UP

- President
 - Planning and executing BHM events

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- Working with the SFU Black history month working group
 - Catch Ah Vybz Errands
 - Supporting the team on delegated tasks
 - Sorting out finances with treasurer
 - Email correspondence
 - Attended meeting with SFSS about staff return
 - Vice President
 - Email correspondence
 - Planning fireside chat with Ann Event
 - Catch a vybz shopping and food pickup
 - Attended and Mc'd at BHM Kickoff
 - Meeting with president for planning
 - Attended meeting with SFSS about staff return
 - External Relations Officer
 - worked on BHM invitation email
 - helped with Cath Ah Vybz
 - Internal Relations Officer
 - attended council
 - Working with the sfss on how they can do something for BHM for once in their life
 - Helped with catch a vybz
 - Supporting Emmanuel in contacting clubs for the Ann Najjar event
 - Secretary
 - Helped organize the BHM kickoff ceremony
 - Took pictures at the kickoff ceremony
 - Worked on the newsletter
 - 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: \$27,495.88
 - Soca CG core fund: \$1,687.23
 - Staff Dept Levy
 - Scotiabank (external)
 - Grant funding
 - Cheques to be signed (include Motions Date and Number approved and person to reimburse):
 - Cheque requisitions to be done: BHM Cheq Reqs

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- Other: Picking up and selling T-shirts
 - Events Coordinator
 - Created an event on Jangubuzz
 - Sent emails for catering inquiries
 - Worked on the gift card receipt forms
 - Information Technology Officer
 - Made posters for the podcast.
 - First Year Rep
 - Sends Regrets
 - Grad Rep
 - Attended Catch a Vibz event
 - Working on best approach to engage grad students
 - FIC Rep
 - Launched SOCA podcast
 - Posting on instagram
 - Execs at large
 - Amina
 - Working with first year rep for 30th anniversary decoration
 - Creating slideshow for kick off ceremony
 - Creating backdrop for panel discussion
 - Helping w/ kick off/panel discussion
 - Working on video for 30th anniversary
 - Akuol
 - helped with catch ah vybz
 - emails
 - attended kickoff
 - Claire
 - attended catch ah vybz
 - help organizing the anniversary dinner
 - attended BHM kickoff
 - SOCA BSSC Staff Support
 - Other Assigned Members and Items

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

N/A

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

- After party for 30th anniversary:
 - If soca members would like an after party. If a number of people are interested we can go forward. Soca won't be responsible for organizing, we outsource to drip culture. It would have a \$10 ticket cap. It will be held!
- Athletics Game Performance (24th Feb)
 - Holding a gm football game. They're looking for a half time performer. If it tickles your fancy let us know. There's a \$500 honorarium. Let us know if you know anyone
- Nominating A significant community member for awards (No including current Executives):
 - We'll give out awards at the anniversary, and we look to nominate members of the community that are crucial to us. Reach out to us with your suggestions. We have 10 to give out
- Elections
 - This is the last semester for the current team. Please please run for a position if you're interested. We'll start a nominating committee
- Fireside Chat
 - In collaboration with sfss and a bunch of groups have a chat with Ann najar who trained Micheal b Jordan in creed 3. Sign up if you're interested. Not a black exclusive event.
- Mental Health Workshop
 - Why don't y'all attend the mental health workshop. Please take advantage of them. Thrushes is really wonderful to us and it would be nice if y'all showed up. We could move it to a Thursday evening as well. We could also rebrand to mental help group session in order to better convey our meaning.

Next Friday is movie night, there'll be food, drinks and games with prizes, and we'll be watching the color purple

At cultural night we'll have a bar, a 360 photo booth, food, as well as a local vancouver black band

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Social Justice and Advocacy Committee
- Cultural Events Committee

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- Parties and Pub Night Committee
 - BCSC Committee
 - Dance Team
 - NSA
 - SSA

MOTIONS

1. Reimbursement to Emmanuel for Dinner with Black Caucus

Whereas SOCA was invited to a meeting with Member of Parliament, London-West; Arielle Kayabaga alongside the Black Caucus,

Whereas a dinner with the Caucus took place after the meeting to connect with other Black Caucus members and Executives and Emmanuel covered all the expenses

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount; \$153.58 to be reimbursed to Emmanuel

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 [Anne Marie]
CARRIED unanimously**

2. Honorarium for BHM Volunteers

Whereas some SOCA volunteers have put in more work towards the planning and execution of BHM events

Whereas these members; (Adanna Nduagu & Anne-Marie Olukoya) would be given an honorarium for their work and support to these events

Be it resolved that Adanna Nduagu be given \$200 as an honorarium for moderating the BHM Panel discussion and Anne- Marie Olukoya be given \$100 for creating content for SOCA's BHM events

Be it further resolved that these amount be taken out of line item 77, "Volunteer Stipend", Account 815/45

**Moved by [anne Marie] / seconded by [Yaye]
CARRIED unanimously**

Anne Marie and Adanna abstain

3. Honarium for Panelist for BHM Opening Ceremony

Whereas SOCA hosted a panel discussion for BHM and the panelists need to be compensated for their time and effort,

Whereas these panelists are; Odarthey Aryee, Lois Arop, Cassandra Onyejikwe and Albert St. Albert Smith, all professionals within their various field of expertise,

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$250 as honorarium for each of these panelists.

Be it further resolved that this amount be taken out of line item 35, "Black History Month Panel Discussion", Account 795/45

**Moved by [Yaye] / seconded by [Trixie]
CARRIED unanimously**

5. DANCE Workshop Photography

Whereas SOCA is hosting an Afro-Fusion Dance Workshop for Black History Month and photos and videos will be taken for archival purposes,

Whereas Mugasha Rutega (Mugroots) will be responsible for all the photos and videos of this workshop,

Be it resolve that SOCA approves the amount of \$200 for photography services by Mugasha,

Be it further resolved that the amount be taken out of line item "73", Honoraria Pool, Account 815/45

**Moved by [ruki] / seconded by [Yaye]
CARRIED unanimously**

6. Purchase of Instax Film for Camera

Whereas SOCA purchased an Instax Film Camera last semester but got the wrong film to pair the Camera,

Whereas we needed to get a new film size for the camera,

Be it resolved that SOCA approves \$110.88 for the purchase of the film

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

Moved by [Akuol] / seconded by [remi]
CARRIED unanimously

7. Honorarium for Artist for BHM Kickoff

Whereas SOCA hosted a BHM kickoff ceremony and had an artist perform to entertain attendees,

Whereas this Artist " Maia Wallace", was the one who performed at the kickoff ceremony,

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$150 to compensate the artist for their time and talent,

Be it further resolved that this amount be taken out of Line item,"34 " Black History Month Kickoff Ceremony, Account 795/45

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

8. Award Plaques for the 30th Anniversary

Whereas in the spirit of marking a landmark year, SOCA will like to celebrate certain community members,

Whereas these recognition will come alongside an award plaque, which would cost about \$336 in total,

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$336 for the purchase of plaques

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

**Moved by [Gloria] / seconded by [Anne Marie]
CARRIED unanimously**

9. Increase of Budget for SOCA @ 30

Whereas the expenses for 30th anniversary are more than what is stated in the levy budget under line item “38” (Cultural Night) ,and these expenses are incurred to make a memorable event,

Whereas SOCA would like to use line item “84”, Black Student and Community Groups Support and Collaboration towards the expense of SOCA @ 30

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$9000 in line item, “84” to be used towards the expenses relating to SOCA @ 30,

Moved by [ruki] / seconded by [Yaye]

Discussion: Planning is underway for the anniversary. In order to make sure it thoroughly enjoyable, we’re outsourcing stuff we’d usually do. As we were delegating the tasks, our budgets has ballooned to cover the cost. The allocated amount was \$5000 but after our calculations, the event will cost around \$14000. We’re appropriating funds for this purpose. This won’t affect the budgets for any of our other events. We also got \$2000 from sfu. There’ll also be t-shirts for sale at the event (soca merch)

CARRIED unanimously

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Action Items
 - If you have no particular task at hand, sport other events. You could also give a hand to the fireside chat event. Really, help out wherever you can.
 - The next exec meeting is next Thursday (subject to change)

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

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1. The podcast isn't on apple podcast because we need to pay a subscription to upload it.
We'll look into making a motion to pay for it

Meeting Adjournment moved by [Yaye] , Seconded by [Trixie]

Meeting Adjourned at [6:17pm]