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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
[Date: 16th February, 2024]

ATTENDEES: Laury, Anne-Marie, Akuol, Amina, Claire, Ruki, Chikeziri, Trixie, Oromiya, Balqees

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 could meet any historical figure, who would it be and what would you ask them?)

- Yaye she/her access needs met, Kobe Bryant- Is LeBron better than Michael Jordan in his prime?
- Laury she/her, access needs are met, Jean michel basquiat, how did he come about his art style?
- Ruki he/him, access needs are met,, shakespeare, to ask him what he thinks of marvel movies
- Akuol, she/her, access needs are met, Rosalind franklin,her research
- Anne-Marie, she/her, access needs are met, Mary Slessor, how it felt to see twins being killed and how she was able to stop it.
- Amina, she/her, access needs are met, wouldn't want to meet any historical figure
- Chike he/him, access needs met, Napoleon, to see how short he was
- Oromiya, she/her, i won't be able to use my mic cause i'm at a aloud place right now, can't think of anyone
- Trixie, she/her, access needs met, wangari mathai, cause she's named after her, also cause she fought fiercely against the Kenyan government
- Balqees, she/her, access needs are met, proper Solomon, how it was like to control the wind and talk to animals
- Alison Lema, access needs met, Leonardo Da Vinci because not only is he a man of art but he's also a man of science and I'd ask to become a student.

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- Emmanuel, He him his. My access needs are met. Traveling rn so might not have the best connection

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

2. [AGENDA] February 2nd 2024 - General Meeting Minutes

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS FOLLOW UP

- President
 - Planning for Anniversary Dinner
 - Space Restock
 - Executive Meetings
 - Finance + Cheque Requisition
- Vice President
 - Attended exec meeting
 - Planned and attended Ann's fireside chat event
 - Picked up food for movie night event
 - Attended movie night event
- External Relations Officer
- Internal Relations Officer
 - Bipoc committee meeting (motion passed for fireside chat)
 - Equity committee meeting
- Secretary
 - Assisted during games and movie night
 - Assisted in the running of the fireside chat with Ann Najjar
 - Took pictures of the fireside chat and the movie and games night
 - Assisted in production of second episode of podcast
- 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: \$26,180.89
 - Soca CG core fund:\$1,687.23
 - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - Scotiabank (external)
 - Grant funding
 - Cheques to be signed (include Motions Date and Number approved and person to reimburse):
 - Cheque requisitions to be done
 - Other: Assisted during games and movie night
 - Finance + Cheque Requisition

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- Need to pick up T-shirts
- Events Coordinator
 - Emailed catering inquiries for and attended Ann's fireside chat event
 - Created games for BHM movie and game night
- First Year Rep
 - Attended Movie Night
 - Planning Anniversary decorations with Amina
 - Attended Fireside Chat
- Grad Rep
- FIC Rep
 - Took photos for the fireside chat with Ann Najjar
 - Posted second episode of podcast
 - Managed instagram
- Execs at large
 - Akuol
 - attended movie night
 - emails
 - exec meeting
 - Amina: nothing to report
 - Claire: Nothing to report
- SOCA BSSC Staff Support
- Other Assigned Members and Items

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- [Matter 1]
- [Matter 2]

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Volunteers for Anniversary Dinner:
 - We need people to help set up the tables for the dinner, if you're available let us know so we can coordinate.
- Black student healing group:
 - Balqees emailed Trisha Kay, as it would be nice to use one of the mental health sessions to address the tenuous situation in the world and people's reactions to it. We've been talking to her on how best to serve the students who use this service, so it's in the ballpark of what we've been doing. One of the sessions we have coming up can certainly be dedicated to people having discussions about

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this with Trisha. The meeting would be online in March 8th as the SUB is closed that day

- Collab with SVSPO
 - We could take one of the sessions for the mental health workshop to collaborate with the SVSPO to have a mental health and consent themed workshop. We'll do this ideally sometime in March
- Black Caucus Membership Meeting
 - Black caucus is having a meeting on the 20th and are putting forward a motion to stand in support of Palestine and to pursue SFU to do the same. Show up to the meeting to show support.
 - Sign up Here: <https://www.sfu.ca/black-caucus.html>
- Endorsement with SOCA:
 - Sfss elections are coming up at month's end, and some candidates have reached out to us for endorsement. We've not in the past given endorsements due to harm that's been caused to us. We ask the members if they would like to vote on endorsing candidates and helping them with campaigning. This is open for discussion and we'd love to hear thoughts. Anne Marie thinks we should endorse solely soca members. There was a big fight over this in soca during 2018. When he got in, he then switched sides to try and evict soca from the space, so there's some bad blood here. Hopefully it goes better this time

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. Reimbursement for Mailing expenses to Panelist

Whereas one of the panelist from the kickoff ceremony forgot to pick up their check after the event, and this check was mailed to them,

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Be it resolved that SOCA approves the reimbursement of \$11.36 for the expenses of mailing,

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

Moved by [Anne Marie] / seconded by [Ruki]

CARRIED unanimously

2. Motion for SOCA to Endorse Candidates of the Upcoming SFSS Elections

Whereas SOCA has demonstrated a commitment to fostering inclusivity, diversity, and empowerment within our campus community, and consistently organized events, initiatives, and advocacy efforts aimed at addressing the needs and concerns of its constituents,

Whereas in the past SOCA stopped endorsing candidates of the SFSS elections due to harm caused and lack of loyalty to community members that supported previous candidates,

Be it resolved, that SOCA officially agrees to endorse candidates, it collectively agrees votes on and pledges its support for their ongoing efforts,

Be it further resolved, that SOCA encourages all members of the community to actively engage with and support the candidates it decides to endorse,

Moved by [Ruki] / seconded by [Gloria]

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Motion for SOCA to endorse Emmanuel Adegboyega for SFSS Elections

Whereas Emmanuel has been an integral member of the SOCA community and on this board for the past two years,

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Be it resolved that the SOCA endorses Emmanuel's campaign by posting and resharing his campaign material and encouraging the SOCA community to vote

Moved by [Akuol] / Seconded by [Gloria]

CARRIED unanimously

Emmanuel pledged undying allegiance to soca

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Those with pending tasks for the anniversary, deal with them (Amina and Chike)
- Be here at 11am on Saturday, so there's time to go home and get ready. If you can't be there let us know on time

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. Khadijah, a soca member, who works with black kids in surrey is reaching out with an idea she has, and needs some help with accessing the sub ballroom. The event is a black graduation event for surrey high school students. Currently working with multiple bus's and the attendance is around 250-500. The sim is to celebrate black excellence, and they're trying to get grants to help funding at the moment. We should be able to get the ballroom available for use. A likely date is may or June, hourly it doesn't coincide with our black grad. It could be a good idea to have this event the day after our black grad, although we don't have a date for it's at this time. The sub capacity is 120 seated/ 150 standing. There'd be a signup sheet, so we can gauge how many people will come. We'll look into potential spaces around sfu to host this as well.

Website: <https://www.blackschoold.ca/>,

Meeting Adjournment moved by Akuol [], Seconded by [anne Marie]

Meeting Adjourned at [5:57pm]