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**SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**  
**[10 March, 2023 Time: 5:22 pm]**

**ATTENDEES: Laury, Marie, Yaye, Amina, Oromiya, Samia, Laila, Resha, Ruki, Emmanuel, Susie, Richard**

## **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, What are you looking forward to for the summer?)

- Laury; She/her, met, Not being in Vancouver
- Oromiya: she/her, met, going to weddings
- Laila: she/her, met, traveling
- Resha: she/her, not having schools, met
- Amina: she/her, want pizza, working
- Samia: she/her/hers, met, wedding season
- Marie: she/her/hers, met, weather warm
- Ruki: he/him, met, movies
- Emmanuel: he/him, met, break between the spring and summer semester(?)
- Yaye: she/her, met, going to Tofino or Banff
- Susie: have to leave the call soon due to timing, she/hers, traveling and coming back to Canada!

### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- **Feb 10th - General Meeting Minutes - Approved**
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**☰ Meeting Agenda - General Membership Meeting - Feb 10th 2022 - SFU SOCA**

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS FOLLOW UP**

- President - Laury
  - Finished BHM events - Hectic but successful!
  - Meetings w/ other CG's and SFSS admins

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- Meetings w/ CUPE in regards to Staff hiring and job description for the BSSC coordinator.
- Consultation for BSSC hiring next week Monday, collabing w/ Black caucus and the equity office.
- Organizations reaching out for collabs - Unclear due to miscommunication
- Finishing payments for the vendors and other people from BHM.
- All Check reqs are almost done
- Vice President - Emmanuel
  - Finishing BHM events
  - Helping w/ shopping
  - Working to finishing off Check reqs w/ Treasurer
  - Email coordinations
  - Exec retreat
  - Meeting w/ CUPE
  - Met w/ new VP EAI - Jennifer
- External Relations Officer - Oromiya
  - Microsoft Updates
    1. Paula states; Needs to see the full picture in order to get back to us due to full capacity in March.
    2. April seems like the best bet.
    3. Oromiya feels that April is not the best idea, plan on doing it in the new term including a Law event (tentative)
    4. Pre-med w/ Exec-at Large is this term
  - Meeting w/ Isaac - Past SOCA VP
    1. Students wanting to come to a show
    2. The show is about Viola Desmond (Musical)
    3. Share the show w/ Black students, moreso international students
    4. Tickets will be \$15
      - After party will be available
      - Wants SOCA to reach out to other Black organizations (UBC, etc)
      - Wants SCOA to buy tickets and give it out to members
      - If successful they plan on doing this again in the future.
      - Really wants SOCA to market this event
      - Isaac will send out flyers so that we can market
      - Thursday April 20th - 7:30-9:00 PM After Party; 9:00-10:00 PM
        1. If wanting to promote use Isaac's name to promote (via WhatsApp)
        2. Show will be in Gateway Theatre - Richmond
- Internal Relations Officer - Amina
  - Nintendo Switch Tournament w/ other CG's

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- Criminology Black Student Association - Wants Black Criminology students to join this committee
  1. BIPOC Committee
    - Elected Vice Chair
  2. ESC Committee
    - CASA approval for Turkey relief project
    - Ukrainian Student Association approval for Ukraine project(?)
    - FNMISA Apology
    - Anti- Black inquiry project/campaign - Jennifer Kandjii
  3. Events Committee
    - Holi Event
  4. First Year Engagement Committee
    - Survey out to First Years
  5. Council
    - Indigenous and International Students Award - Passed!
    - SFU 350 Apology
- Secretary - Absent
- Treasurer (and Finances report) - Samia
  - Accounts balances and in and out flows (trust, levy fund, soca core, staff department line item, scotiabank, outstanding/upcoming grants):
    - Trust:\$6737.77
    - Levy: 23,151(as of Nov 30 2022)
    - Soca CG core fund: \$1125.00
    - Staff Dept Levy
    - Scotiabank (external) 1820.49
    - Grant funding
  - Cheques to be signed (include Motions Date and Number approved and person to reimburse):
  - Cheque requisitions to be done
  - Other: On Nominating committee
  - Comedy Night Cheque; has not reached our account, should have \$3,710.49 once arrived
  - Plan on calling Scotia bank or Eventbrite for information; Monday (?)
- Events Coordinator: Absent
- First Year Rep - Vacant
- Grad Rep - Vacant
- FIC Rep - Absent
- Execs at large - Marie
  - Comedy Night
    - Cheque reqs; open mic and TUNJI got paid
    - Waiting for TUNJI to send edited photos

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- Emails
  - Just sending emails
- BHM Summary Post
  - Plan on creating a summary post
  - Facebook slide
  - Plan on sending photos for ITO
- Comedy Night Post
- GoFundMe
  - Has been creating a GoFundMe acc for student in need.
- Nominations Committee
  - Recruiting people
  - Plan on meeting w/ nominating committee to discuss elections
- Execs at Large - Susie
  - Food Security Project - Fraser Health and See of Change
    - Comedy event went smoothly
    - Survey is completed; Plan on giving gift cards to those who filled out survey
    - Talked w/ Exec-at Large about everything in regards to handing out the gift cards.
    - Survey; recommendation for future SOCA events
    - Plan on completing the report and see if it can be extended to the fall
    - Turnout that people who came was more than expected
    - Plan on transferring the report to city council and see what they have to say
- SOCA BSSC Staff Support - On-leave
- Other Assigned Members and Items
  - None

## **REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS**

- Black History Month Recap
  - Hectic but went well!
  - Laury: How was BHM for everyone? Is there anything you'd like us to change for next BHM events?
  - Ruki: Enjoyed the ones he attended. Wish to have more movie nights in general
  - Laury: Try to have more movie nights during the summer
  - Oromiya: Went super well! Wants more people, wish to work on promotion
  - Oromiya: More SUB bookings every week, 2-3 people and ask them to promote events to both Black students and non-Black students.
  - Marie: More person-to-person advertisement. Wish to do more in response to member sign ups for newsletters

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- Marie: Wish to table in the future
- Oromiya: Tabling in the AQ, giving out flyers
- Marie: Posting around campus
- Marie: Believed that the videos of the executives were a huge success. Prizes were a good idea!
- Marie: Enjoyed the history of the space, felt individuals were more engaged. Enjoyed that the Opening Ceremony was an open space.
- Marie: Enjoyed the caterers for the cultural night
- Laury: Had a lot of issues finding caterers
- Marie: Catering at Movie Night was a good idea!
- Marie: Caterer for Movie Night is good for finger food, not for full on meals.
- Marie: Enjoyed the schedule for Cultural Night, had everything separate and organized
- Laury: Did this setlist after the setbacks from past events
- Oromiya: DJ was great!
- Comedy Night
  1. Marie: Never do that after a big event.
  2. Laury: Not during the end of BHM
  3. Marie: The snow caused a lot of problems
  4. Marie: Very good event! Had a lot of Black community members who we have not met come out
  5. Oromiya: Back-to-back events is not a good idea
  6. Marie: Due to TUNJI's schedule last day of feb was the only thing that worked
  7. Marie: Was successful, enjoyed the amount of money we got back!
  8. Marie: Enjoyed the open mic individuals
  9. Marie: SFU Community Engagement centre covered the cost, Peak Frequency helped out w/ support for equipment. AV support for Peak Freq will be useful for next events

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Summer Events:
  - Laury: What suggestions do you have for SOCA during the summer?
  - Laila: Game Night! Or a social event!
  - Oromiya: Whistler
  - Marie: Squamish, cedar sky
  - Marie: Hiking
  - Laila: Talent show
  - Resha: Beach
  - Oromiya: Picnic, Kayaking, Science World, BBQ, Queen Elizabeth Park,
  - Marie: Aquarium

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- Emmanuel: Movies
- Yaye: Banff, Harrison Hot Springs, Tofino, California
- Marie: Blueberry picking + Fresh breakfast, near abbotsford/langley
- Amina: Toronto, Cruise to Alaska, Yacht
- Laury: Cultus Lake

Laury: Any events in the fall?

- Samia: Pumpkin picking
- Samia: Hike - trail to UBC
- Marie: little socials
- Marie: Anime night
- Marie: Story post(?)

Laury: Any Spring events during BHM?

- Marie: another dance workshop
- Oromiya: More education, museum type thing
- Marie: Get Black historians to talk about black history
- Samia: Black health initiatives
- Marie: Care workshops
- Marie: Sip and paint-a-long
- Laury: pottery making
- Oromiya: Hang out w/ secondary and elementary schools and teach em about BHM
- Marie: ASA, SSA and NSA plan on doing a gathering together
- Marie: Booths for revamping these groups

Laury: No line item for executives in budget. To appreciate executives for the amount of time they put into the space. Wants to know what the said amount should be.

- Marie: Already a line-item for it
- Samia: There is an honorarium
- Marie: form it to that instead of honorarium; around \$150-250 per role
- Marie: Must have valid reasons for honorarium
- Marie: Must have a process in place
- Laury: It might attract the wrong set of people, but looks forward to it (next year)
- Laury: Afraid that individuals will run for an executive position only for the money.
- Laury: Wants to make sure these individuals are showing reports of what they've done and that they've fulfilled their role as said executive
- Marie: If an executive resigns they can still get the honorarium, but it'll be different amount compared to those who did not resign
- Marie: Once again, a valid report must be given to be considered for the honorarium
- Laury: Will draft the motion next meeting for what it entails.

## **COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE**

- Social Justice and Advocacy Committee - nothing

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- Cultural Events Committee - Recap from BHM
  - Request for Apology from SFU athletics
  - This apology is due to poor communication from the SFU athletics team
  - Plans on figuring out a way to perform that dance
  - Rude response from complainant teams
  - Mason did apologize for the incident
  - Oromiya: wants other members to apologize, specifically non-Black members
  - Marie: made it clear that Mason is not the problem.
- Parties and Pub Night Committee - Nothing
- BCSC Committee - Nothing
- Dance Team
  - Passed SOCA member (Ali) reached out to do a dance workshop (march 30th)
  - Laury does not know how the dance space will look like
  - Laury does not think April is feasible due to exam season
  - Laury believes that this will be possible in the next year
- NSA
- SSA

## MOTIONS

### 1. Exec Retreat

Whereas the SOCA executive Team has allocated funds in the Levy Fund for an Exec transition retreat.

Whereas this retreat will be used for executives to bond and connect more for moral purposes.

Whereas the retreat expenses exceeded the previously approved amount of \$500

Be it resolved, SOCA approves the amount of \$250.50 from line item "Execs Transition Retreats, Training and Leadership Development" to fund the remaining amount of \$250.50 for the retreat that took place on March 4th 2023.

**Moved by [Marie] / second by [Oromiya]**

**CARRIED unanimously**

## ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Action Items;
  - All executive upload their photos to the SOCA Drive

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### **OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS**

1. No concerns stated

**Meeting Adjournment moved by [ Samia ] , Seconded by [ Oromiya ]**

Meeting Adjourned at [6:48 PM]