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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
[Date: 12th April, 2024] at

ATTENDEES: Laury, Yaye, Mekeil, Leah, Gloria, Naomi, Sam, Evans, Akuol, Nobu, Pipelayo, Irene, Anne-Marie, Joanne, Balqees, Chris, Ruki, Emmanuel,

MEETING AGENDA

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SOCA recognizes we are situated on the unceded territories Coast Salish Territories of the Musqueam, Kwikwetlem, Squamish and Tseil-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 is your fav spring/summer activity?)

Lauretta she /her access needs met, traveling

Yaye she/her access needs met, traveling

Mekeil she/her access needs meet, hanging out with friends

Leah she/her access needs met, going to the beach

Gloria, she/her, access needs, cycling by the seawall

Naomi, she/her, access needs met,, sleeping

Sam, they/them, speak up, biking

Evans,he/him access needs met, listening to music

Akuol, she/her, access needs met, going beach

Nobu, she/her, access needs met. Swimming

Pipelayo , she/her, access needs met,thrifting

Irene, she/her, access needs met, hiking

Anne-Marie, she/her, access needs met, swimming

Joanne she/her, access needs met, thrifting/going to the beach

Balqees, access needs won't be talking out loud today so I will engage via chat if needed. nice to see you guys

Chris, he/him, access needs met, getting nine hours of sleep

Ruki, he/him, access needs met, indoor ice skating

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

-  [DRAFT] March 28th 2024 - General Meeting Minutes

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REPORT OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS FOLLOW UP

- President:
 - Working on admin stuff to wrap up the fiscal year
 - Space shopping and restocking
 - Planning and hosting healing space session with svspo
 - Checking in on execs and following up on pending talks
 - Transition retreat and Admin work
 - Planned and attended exec retreat
- Vice President:
 - Space shopping
 - Attended the retreat
 - Planning for the movie night
 - Going for the men's wellness talk dinner
- External Relations Officer:
- Internal Relations Officer
 - Had a steering committee meeting with the black caucus
 - Attended the retreat
- Secretary
 - Kept the space open for the community
 - Attended the retreat
- 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: \$45,556
 - Soca CG core fund:\$1,687.23
 - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - Scotiabank (external): \$2773
 - Grant funding
 - Cheques to be signed (include Motions Date and Number approved and person to reimburse):
 - Other:
- Events Coordinator:
 - Went on the retreat
- First Year Rep: not present
- Grad Rep:
 - Attended Retreat
- FIC Rep:

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- Attended Retreat
- ITO:
 - Nominating Committee
 - Retreat
- Execs at large

Akuol: was on the nominating committee
Went on the retreat

Amina: Supported admin tasks
Attended retreat
Chaired the last two meetings

Claire: Absent

- SOCA BSSC Staff Support: (On leave)
- Other Assigned Members and Items

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- Nominating Committee Reports
 - The 2024/25 spring elections just concluded and we've got the results. The full report will be uploaded to our website.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Elections result
- Nominating committee reports
- Appointments
 - Some students were interested in the appointed positions as acting executives, the positions are grad rep, first year rep and exec at large. They'll hold the positions till the by elections
- 2024/25 Fiscal Budget
 - Still a work in progress, but looking rather spiffy
 - The next team will finalize the budget and solidify it.
 - The summer event slate is largely the same, minus the retreat for the time being. They'll be up to the next exec team. Ultimately, the retreat isn't a staple, and it might not be feasible to hold it in the summer, as the team is inexperienced and there might be inadequate time to plan it

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- Have campus theme parties and cultural events (African/Caribbean)
- Advocacy and Campaigns have \$2000 allocated.
- Finance said the budget for next year isn't a certainty yet, so we're waiting on the final word
- When the final budget is complete, the next team will bring it for approval
- The presumed budget right now is \$65,772
- Governance or Miscellaneous
- Collaboration with STACKEDCON
 - We still have some money left in the budget. We usually return our leftovers to the sfss, so in order to avoid that, we attempt to spend it all up before the year ends. We've got some extra this year, and a soca member hosting a convention this summer centered around fashion reached out for collaboration. We're thinking about donating leftover funds to them. They're also looking for volunteers so feel free to reach out to Lotanna. We're contributing no more than \$2530. We'll be contributing towards paying for a venue for the event. They're also looking at collaborations from other groups/businesses. Collaboration could mean sponsorships/ promotion/volunteers. It's akin to a partnership, for the benefit of the event. It's a ticketed event, so there could be discounts for soca members. Laury is helping with logistics of the event, as well as overall production. She's not sure how the volunteer system will work at this time, but she'd be open to helping volunteers. Pipé, Anne Marie and ruki are part of the team as well. There's also modeling opportunities as well as photography and business showcase opportunities. We're not in it to make profit! And aren't bankrolling the entire event. This is a fantastic spell event, and an opportunity to connect with Vancouver's black community
 - Lotanna aimed to answer questions: soca had agreed to collaborate and has been a big help. Soca benefits through volunteers getting free entry as well as discounted tickets for the general membership. Volunteers head to Pipé or Anne Marie. The event's all is to educate about sustainability and resources, particularly fashion waste. Soca has been a big influence on him, hence his decision to include us.
 - Soca will collaborate on similar events by students on a case by case basis, although it is our general policy to sport out membership, so if seeking support from us, definitely bring it to the membership. We're collaborating in this case as we have the money to spare. The event has an Instagram: stackedcon & stackedvan. There's a couple other collaborators
- SOCA Year In review
 - There's a cool slide that will be uploaded.

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- We held our biggest catch ah vybz ever, as well as our summer wellness retreat, the Magnus opus of our president Laury! We had a summer bbq, as well as our second annual black grad, which is now an official sfu convocation event. We rode around Stanley park and had ice cream as well. We had our Afroween Halloween party with ubc at a night club. We hosted multiple movie nights. We hosted our cultural night, where we held a fashion show for one off of soca members (Josh and his brand forever earth). We also held soca 30th anniversary event, a major milestone.
- Advocacy: Sfu's black student space is currently in the works, and will hopefully be opened in the next year. Black history month is now an officially recognized event at sfu, facilitated by Laury. Tricia Kay is now our official counselor as well. We signed onto the letter for Palestinian liberation solidarity.
- Organizational development: had a temp bssc staff (the wonderful Mary). We're also launched the soca merch, available in stores around you now!!
- Would love to sit out our wonderful volunteers through out the year, as well as Adanna our volunteer coordinator.

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. Election Results Received

Whereas, the elections voting closed on March 30th, 2024 and results were released by the Nominating Committee,

Be it resolved to Ratify results here as follows as listed below and the respective positions be filled as listed for the 2024/25 Executive team to start their term effective immediately at the end of the Transition Retreat and Training,

- a. *President: Adanna Nduagu*
- b. *Vice President: Stacy Kimani*
- c. *Secretary: Oserukeme "Ruki" Ukwade*

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- d. *Treasurer: Alson Amin Lema*
- e. *Internal Relations Officer: Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo*
- f. *External Relations Officer: Nobuhle Tavonesawon*
- g. *Information Technology Officer: Anne-Marie Olukoya*
- h. *Events Coordinator: Waithera Ngarachu (Wai)*
- i. *Exec At-Large: Naomi Agbebaku*
- j. *FIC Representative: Trixie Munyambu*

Moved by [gloria] / seconded by [stacy]

CARRIED unanimously

2. Nominating Committee Report

Whereas, the elections voting closed on March 30th, 2024 and results were released by the Nominating Committee,

Be it resolved to accept the [full report](#) from the Nominating Committee.

Moved by [Adanna] / seconded by [Anne-marie]

CARRIED unanimously

3. Transfer of Bank Account Signatories

Whereas, SOCA Membership authorized the Executives " Alson Amin Lema - Treasurer, Oserukeme "Ruki" Ukwade – Secretary, Yaye Balde - Internal Relations Officer, Oghenekaro Laretta Umukoro - President, Emmanuel Adeboyega- Vice President," after the Spring 2023/24 elections to be the signing authorities on the SOCA Bank Account Named "ACHSA - The African and Caribbean Heritage Students Association SFU" with Bank Account Number #72710 00030 18,

Whereas SOCA's spring elections have concluded and results, as outlined in the Spring Elections Report, have been accepted effective April 12th, 2024

Be it resolved that SOCA Membership replaces Yaye Balde - Internal Relations Officer, Oghenekaro Laretta Umukoro - President, Emmanuel Adeboyega- Vice President," and authorizes the incoming Executives *President: Adanna Nduagu Vice President: Stacy Kimani and Internal Relations Officer: Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo* to be the

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signing authorities—alongside Alson Amin Lema—Treasure and Oserukeme “Ruki”
Ukwade—Secretary on the SOCA Bank Account Named “ACHSA - The African and
Caribbean Heritage Students Association SFU” with Bank Account Number #72710
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Moved by [akuol] / seconded by [Naomi]

CARRIED unanimously

4. At-Large Appointments

Whereas, as per the SOCA constitution and SOCA practice after the elections, at-large
is appointed,

Whereas the at-large appointee shall take on responsibilities that fit within their
capabilities and time constraints and that it is not mandatory that the Exec-at-large have
a specific portfolio;

Whereas, the at-large representative may be appointed in consultation with the
Executive,

Be it resolved that SOCA appoint 2 at-large for the 2024/2025 year,

Be it further resolved that SOCA appoint Mekeil Wilson and Joanne Ndagire to the roles
of at-large executives for the 2024/2025 year.

Moved by [pipe] / seconded by [adanna]

**It’s allowed in the constitution to have more then one at large exec appointed
assuming the individual it’s open to the role**

CARRIED unanimously

5. SFSS Council Seat Appointment

Whereas, SOCA has a seat on SFSS Council and there has been a newly elected
Internal Relations Officer whose role includes sitting on this seat on the SFSS council,

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Be it resolved, to appoint Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo - the new Internal Relations Officer - to be the appointed person on the representative seat as per the SOCA Elections Results on the SFSS Council for the 2024/2025 executive year;

Be it further resolved that Adanna Nduagu - the new President, and Stacy Kimani - the New Vice President, be appointed as the alternates on Council as per SFSS Bylaws 6.27

Moved by [jennifer] / seconded by [anne-marie]

CARRIED unanimously

6. First-Year Rep Appointment

Whereas, during this year's election there is a vacancy for the First Year Rep position,

Whereas, SOCA may decide to hold by-elections for the First Year Rep position, or appoint a First Year Rep position, until the by-elections in the Fall to fill any vacancies.

Whereas, it is preferred to fill vacancies for the upcoming year until any by-elections are to be held,

Be it resolved to appoint Emliya Ikponmwoasa as the SOCA Acting First Year Rep in the event that the person accepts the appointment for the year 2024/25 until the next By-elections are held.

Moved by [Gloria] / seconded by [Amina]

CARRIED unanimously

7. Grad Rep Appointment

Whereas, during this year's election there is a vacancy for the Graduate Rep position,

Whereas, SOCA may decide to hold by-elections for the Graduate Rep position, or appoint a Graduate Rep position, until the by-elections in the Fall to fill any vacancies.

Whereas, it is preferred to fill vacancies for the upcoming year until any by-elections to held,

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Be it resolved to appoint Christopher Outten as the SOCA Acting Graduate Rep in the event that the person accepts the appointment for the year 2024/25 until the next By-elections are held.

Moved by [amina] / seconded by [akuol]

CARRIED unanimously

8. Approval of Budget for SOCA BSSC levy for the 2024/25 fiscal year

Be it resolved that SOCA approve the budget for the upcoming fiscal year (2024/25) for the SOCA Black Student Support Levy, including changes.

Be it further resolved that the Executive work with SFSS to ensure this is reflected in the budget draft in the fund for the SFSS budget,

Be it further resolved that the signing authorities assigned for the SOCA Scotiabank accounts be used for the SOCA fund levy account

Be it further resolved that SOCA notes and approve the designation for future transfer from the SOCA BSSC levy fund acco

unt in the new fiscal year as per the budget and pending the set up of the account, the transfers to the Somali student Association of \$4500.00 for the sub-association MOU and as per the budget as well as the Nigerian Student Association for the amount \$4500.00 for the sub-association MOU

Be it further resolved that SOCA notes and approve the designation for future transfer,

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as stated in the ASA x SOCA Collaboration and Partnership MOU and during the life of that MOU for the next fiscal year as per the budget, and the transfer from the SOCA BSSC fund levy account to the African Student Association of \$4000.00 per the sub-association MOU and as per the budget

Moved by [Anne-marie] / seconded by [Adanna]

CARRIED unanimously

9. Motion to Signing Authority for SOCA Black Student Support Levy Fund account for Executives

Whereas the constitution outlines the Executives who are signing authorities,

Be it resolved that SOCA Approve the executives "President: Adanna Nduagu Vice President: Stacy Kimani and Internal Relations Officer: Emmanuel Anthony-Onuigbo to be the signing authorities—alongside Alson Amin Lema—Treasure and Oserukeme "Ruki" Ukwade—Secretary" as the SOCA constitution permits, as signing authority for duly approved previously SOCA purchases where SFSS needs signing authorities to sign off on purchases, in line with the already approved signing authorities for the Scotiabank account from the previous motions.

Moved by [Gloria] / seconded by [Naomi]

CARRIED unanimously

10. Collaboration with STACKEDCON organization

Whereas SOCA is collaborating with one of its members, Lotanna Uzomah on an event named StackedCon with its first edition happening in Vancouver this summer,

Whereas as one of the partners of this event, SOCA is interested in providing financial support to the execution of this event,

Be it resolved that SOCA contributes the amount of up to \$2530 to this event from the 2023/24 SOCA Black student levy fund,

Be it further resolved that this amount be taken out of Account 886/45, Governance and Miscellaneous

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Moved by [anne-marie] / seconded by [pipe]

CARRIED unanimously

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS:

- The new team can decide the Stackedcon collaboration after a discussion, but they'll need to appoint a representative from exec to SFU Black Caucus and one person for SFSS BIPOC Committee. The black caucus is barely running at the moment though unfortunately, we'll cross that bridge when we get to it.
- Black cause update:
- The Caucus membership voted to support Palestine and host an event. There were four resignations after that. Caucus is going to appoint new folks and now planning Black Grad now
- [w Feb 20, 2024 \(final\): Black Caucus General Meeting Feb 20 2024 - final.docx](#)

Action Item for Execs:

Meeting Adjournment moved by [amina] , Seconded by [kizito]

Meeting Adjourned at [6:33]