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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
[September 15th, 2023] at [5:00pm Time]

ATTENDEES: Laretta, Emmanuel, Alison, Yaye, Chike, Ruki, Oramiya, Emmanuel, Adanna

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 Katzie 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 favorite color)

- Laretta Umukoro, she/her, access needs are met, Beige
- Emmanuel Adegbayega, he/him, access needs are met, Gray
- Alison Lema, he/him, access needs are met, Blue
- Ruki Ukwade, he/him, access needs are met, Yellow
- Akuol Chan, she/her, access needs are met, lilac
- Chikeziri Ogbonna-Onugha, he/him, access need are met, Blue
- Oromiya Ali, she/her, access needs are met, Green/Red
- Yaye Balde, she/her, access needs are met, Pink
- Mary Phan, she/her, access needs are met, Mint Green
- Emmanuel Onuigbo, he/him, access needs are met, Red
- Adanna Nduagu, she/her, access need are met, Red

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **Approved**

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12. [DRAFT] August 4th, 2023 Meeting Minutes- Agenda SFU SOCA - APPROVED

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- President

- Tabling for club, preparing soca event for fall semester, meeting with mary and sfss regarding staff support issues, meeting with Dir. EDI student service regarding to support black grad and other events needing support, meeting regarding hoodie and meeting with other alli to collaboration
 - Vice President
 - Email correspondence with team and staff, planning catchahvybz
 - External Relations Officer
 - Attended clubs day, went shopping for noodles. Attended a meeting with Jennifer
 - Internal Relations Officer
 - attended clubs day. Had a meeting with sfu head of sustainability, they would like to meet with us and educate us on climate change and racism intersection. Attended council meetings, they brought on a new interim exec
 - Secretary
 - attend club day, provided support for club day, being the space, manage and organize movie night
 - 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: \$6195.93 (4,195.93)
 - Levy: \$50,440.93
 - Soca CG core fund: \$775
 - Staff Dept Levy: N/A
 - Scotiabank (external): \$2528.84
 - Grant funding:
- Tabling club day on the 19th in Surrey
- Events Coordinator:
 - Regrets
 - First Year Rep:
 - Assist with button making,
 - Tabling for welcome week and club days
 - Preparing flier, promos for club days and catch ah vybz
 - Being in the space as an execs representative
 - Grad Rep - Available Position
 - FIC Rep - Available Position
 - ITO: Regrets
 - Execs at large Akuol:tabling for welcome week and clubs day
 - Execs at large Amina: being on the space and tabling for club days
 - Execs at large Claire: unavailable
 - SOCA BSSC Staff Support Other Assigned Members and Items: Assist in cleaning the space, purchasing foods for the space, and tabling for welcome week, club days, working with all execs on personal project and space project overall

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Catch Ah Vybz

- It's next week from 6-10pm. There'll be lots of food. Friends to be invited apparently. People serving themselves is not an option. Execs will do all the serving apparently.
2. Mental Health Workshops
 - a. Black Healing Spaces
 - Led by Trisha K. Williams. Covers seasonal depression, it starts next Friday from 2-4 p.m. and it's biweekly. She'll also cover regular old depression, relationship issues, and other fun topics. Online and in-person hybrid. Please is this valuable reference as it is a god black healing space where you can meet a professional
 - b. Men's mental health workshops
 - Titled "When men talk" let by Emmanuel, starting October 6th. Both men and boys were invited as well as all identifying as men. Space to bond in many activities. MANLY!! Starting on Friday on Oct 6th evening.
 3. SOCA's programs and resources
 - a. SOCA Fridge
 - Stocked every month with snacks and sandwich materials as well as cereal etc. keep it clean and be considerate of others. Use this resource, your tuition paid for it. Make any suggestions you have. Maybe cut down on tea? And other snacks no one eats. We're getting a variant of indomie to replace our current noodles.
 - b. Arts and Crafts
 - (show up and paint!!) Held every Wednesday - please see Mary for ideas and suggestions - Akuol for crocheting handbag. There's a signup sheet prompting people to input their level of skill and preferred day to crochet.
 - c. BSSC Coordinator Support
 - Soca offers its bssc as a support service. Reach out to Mary if you need general encouragement and good vibes. Also for information for soca and sfu resources. No need to thug it out alone. If you need cpr come to Mary for help. If suicidal talk to Mary or emmanuel, they're trained.
 4. Events for the semester
 - a. Halloween Night
 - A pub night potentially at the study. It will be a ticketed event. There shall be cocktails and mocktails. It'll be 9pm to 2/3am
 - b. Community Kitchen:
 - Fusion of East and West African Cuisine. We need someone with a food safe certificate by November
 - Adonna food safe cert
 5. Cultural Cocktail Night:
 - spring to fall semester because in spring well celebrate soca 30th space. We've retrofitted it to be a cocktail night. Super chill. Some performances and games as well as a dj. 24th November. There's no table to sit at. There shall be seats though. There MIGHT be a bar. You shall not bring alcohol into the ballroom. There'll be finger foods and a dessert table. Eat before you come!! APPETIZERS

6. Exec meeting
 - This could be a group chat message instead. Next meeting is next Thursday
7. Nominating Committee
 - Bi election . Bunch of positions open. We need people on the nominating committee
 - Please let mary know
8. Soca Volunteer
 - we need to recruit them for support in events
 - orientation and outline of requirement

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Social Justice and Advocacy Committee
 - Pres, VP, IRO, Sec, Exec At Large - Amina. Think of projects to run as a committee. We run campaigns depending on the situation. We've been part of some in the past such as "No cops on campus". Since tiara left we're not been active. (Nvm)
- Cultural Events Committee
 - Pres, VP, Events Coord, ERO, Treas. Exec At Large- Akoul
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
 - Pres, VP, Events Coord, First Year, ITO
- BSSC and Space Committee
 - Pres, VP, Sec, Treasurer, Exec At Large- IRO planning workshop and keeping the space clean.
- Food Justice - food security in surrey to adresby the surrey council. We could collaborate with out on campus and the women's center. This is a project that soca is on the board on instead of spearheading it. Oromiya is interested. Adana is no longer interested
- NSA
- SSA

MOTIONS

1. Reimbursement to Emmanuel for purchasing food for the SOCA BBQ

Whereas the amount of \$1400 was approved for the BBQ in the summer semester.

Whereas there was an overspent of the approved amount,

Whereas Emmanuel Adegboyega spent the amount of \$258.67 on the purchases of the summer BBQ

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$258.67 to Emmanuel for the expenses of the summer BBQ

Be it further resolved that this amount be taken out line item 16 and 19 - Summer BBQ with \$75.03, Summer bi-weekly with \$33.38 in account 795/45, and the amount of \$150.26 will be taken from Contingency account, line item 85 account 886/45

Moved by (Alson) / Seconded by (Amina)
Carried Unanimously

2. Reallocation of Exec Stipend

Whereas the line item no. 72, Exec Stipend which is allocated for the executive stipend

Whereas this line item cannot be used toward executives stipend and hence has to be reallocated.

Be it resolved that amount within line item no. 72 will be allocated to line item no.81; Exec Transition Retreat, Training and Leadership Development

Be it further resolved that \$2000 be moved to line item 81 from line item 72

Moved by (Yaye) / Seconded by (Susie)
Carried Unanimously

3. Movie night on Friday 15th, 2023

Whereas SOCA is scheduled to have a movie night on the 15th of September

Whereas the movie nights is scheduled to happen biweekly and snacks will be provided

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of up to \$250 for any expenses related to the fall biweekly movie nights

Be it further resolved that this expenses be taken out of line item 85, Contingency/Spillover Fund , Account 886/45

Moved by (Oromiya) / Seconded by (Adanna)
Carried Unanimously

4. Reimbursement to Mary Phan of \$81.61 for the movie night

Whereas Mary Phan spent \$81.61 for the expenses of the movie night on the 15th

Whereas snacks and drinks were provided as refreshments during the movie night

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$81.61 to be reimbursed to Mary Phan to cover those expenses.

Be it further resolved that these expenses be taken from line item 85, Contingency/Spillover Fund, Account 886/45

Moved by (Alson) / Seconded by (Oromiya)
Carried Unanimously

- 5. Motion to approve for purchasing buttons maker supplies for tabling such as club days**
Whereas items used for tabling during clubs days or service fairs are used as attraction at the table

Whereas SOCA uses buttons as part of these items and the supplies to make the buttons are running low

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of up to \$300 to purchase the items needed to make the buttons,

Be it resolved that this amount be taken from SOCA's Core Account.

Moved by (Susie) / Seconded by (Alson)
Carried Unanimously

- 6. Donation of SOCA fridge to Pablo from Embark for the child day care.**

Whereas SOCA has an extra fridge in storage that is currently not in use and needs to be disposed

Whereas SOCA reached out to Embark to inquire if they were in need of a fridge, to which they confirmed that they did.

Whereas this fridge will be used by the child day care program on campus through Pablo from Embark

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the donation of this fridge to the child day care program.

Moved by (Amina) / Seconded by (Akuol)
Carried Unanimously

- 7. Reimbursement to SOCA Exec Retreat -\$691.70**

Whereas the SOCA executives had an exec social on the 19th of August.

Whereas \$500 was formally approved to be spent for this event, but the amount of \$691.70 was actually spent on this social by Emmanuel

Be it resolved that SOCA approves the amount of \$691.70 to be reimbursed to Emmanuel Adegboyega to cover the expenses of this social

Be it further resolved that the amount of \$691.70 be taken out of Line item 81, Exec Transition retreat, account 886/45

Moved by (Adanna) / Seconded by (Ruki)
Carried Unanimously

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

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Meeting Adjournment moved by [Amina] ,

Seconded by [Susie] Meeting Adjourned at [6:26]