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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
December 14, 2018 at 5:42pm

Attendees: Frank Pabai, Teresa Dettling, Giovanni HoSang, Tim Maruti, Abdulkadir Yusuf

Meeting Agenda:

- Territory Recognition - SOCA recognizes we are 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 and it is with that in mind that we work toward anti-oppression and decolonization in advancing the work of recognizing indigenous sovereignty in the advocacy that we also partake in.
- Rounds (Name, Access needs, What are you looking forward to for Christmas?)
- Approved Minutes from Last Meeting
 - approved
- Report of Officers (What did you work on):
 - Afia
 - Candle Lighting Event with Paola
 - Will be done on return
 - Membership list update
 - 1 unsubscribe, 2 subscribe
 - Movie Night report
 - 5 people, Spoke to unionism and power of collective action
 - Study Hall report
 - Success, First Week. No exams second week
 - Jessica
 - Finance Report
 - Money Deposited:
 - Karakata gave us \$200 (**To Be Deposited**)
 - \$400 from Proceeds of Cultural Night (**To Be Deposited**)
 - Cheques Written:
 - Cheque #236 of **\$138.24** for Afua B Poku passed from **19/11/2018 Motion 2** as reimbursement for Cultural Night

Purchases - **DONE**

Signees: Giovanni HoSang and Travis Friday

- Cheque #237 of **\$1065.00** for Giovanni HoSang previously passed from **19/11/2018 Motion 1** as reimbursement for Cultural Night Purchases - **DONE**

Signees: Giovanni HoSang and Travis Friday

- Cheque #238 of **\$35.46** for Abdulkadir Yusuf previously passed from **19/11/2018 Motion 3** as reimbursement for Cultural Night Purchases - **DONE**

Signees: Giovanni HoSang and Travis Friday

- **Balance** of Bank Account: **still waiting**

- Abdul

- AfroVybz

- Date and Time: Jan 30, 10pm to 2:00am
 - Venue: Fortune Sound Club
 - Price: \$10 presold, \$15.00
 - Other: lit
 - [Amend: 42.5% of online sales]
 - [Amend: 200 physical tickets]

- Balqees

- Black Displacement in Vancouver group presentation report

- Balqees didn't go, should apologize **[to-do]**
 - Nov 29 Harbour Centre 8:30am
 - Sebastian + Elisha
 - Balqees to Attend
 - Sebastian to share presentation with SOCA

- Black Girl Magic Update

- \$300 Payment for workshop from us
 - \$100 budget for Food from SOCA
 - \$50 towards printing
 - 25 capacity, 4 workshops
 - Created eventbrite
 - Feb 12 and 19, March 5 and 12 4pm - 7pm

- Comms with ASA as decided Nov 30 meeting [To-Do]

- Lema

- Statement to The Public

- **Done**

- To the Peak

- Still to write

- Response to Terry Beech

- Still to write

- Response to SFSS Nov 23 letter

- Kicking off Jan 7

- Giovanni:
 - FNSA POWWOW Committee - No Update
 - Missed the meeting
 - Nothing substantial changed
 - New funding, Venue 89% secured
 - Clubs Days tabling
 - Confirmed Jan 16 and 17
 - Tuition Freeze Now Material
 - Our SFSS Campaign Material
 - Welcome Day
 - Invited to Welcome Day for January 2, 2 students needed
 - Robert and Frank
 - Gio to print pamphlets
 - Follow up with Frank
 - Week of Welcome tabling
 - January 10: Need 5 students tabling
 - Report BOG meeting - Nov 22
 - Board is split on the tuition issue
 - Send in presentation - Dec 21
 - Jan 24 BOG meeting
 - 30 people TSSU, LA, SOCA, (SFSS)
 - Black experience project report
 - Balqees and Abdul signed up
 - Went out onto GSS newsletter
 - Only available for December
 - shared among undergrad and grad students
- Report on people reaching out to the various DSUs for support
 - Teresa to forward email which DSUs said yes to putting up posters
 - Contact DSUs for endorsements of campaign (No Update)
 - International Studies SU
 - MBB
 - World Lit SU
 - Environment SU
 - Geography SU
 - MSA(Abdul)
 - Arab Students Assoc: To write letter of support
- Discussion Items (Upcoming)
 - Spring Dates
 - www.sfusoca.ca
 - All finalized
 - Bigger events: Jan 24, 30, Feb 4, Feb 16, march 30
 - Discussion Wednesdays

- Fire pits
 - Black girl magic workshops
- Lagos
 - Catch ah vybz
 - Part catering
 - BHM intro tasting
 - Try to get for opening, banner on show
- Space Campaign
 - SFPIRG is here
 - Board changing the position to get Space in the SUB
 - SOCA needs more support and SFPIRG willing to assist more in terms of help for the SOCA campaign
 - Jan 24 meeting to show up at Board meetings
 - Demand that the SFSS stick to their agreement with SFU
 - Organize for each of the SFSS meetings.
 - Feb 13 Student Space Town Hall
 - Rally and possible sit-ins, longer term goals
 - BOG meeting in March.
 - SFPIRG
 - Willing to do classroom talks with our pamphlets
 - Design help for a banner
 - Put up Posters by SFPIRG volunteers and work study
 - SOCA to give
 - 4 posters including the one we have now
 - Design Buttons
 - Supporter cards
 - We have to come up with number regarding funding for printing+Tshirts
 - SFU related
 - SFU reports that original agreement had all RC in SUB
 - BSM - Next steps
 - Shirts+Banner+Posters
 - Shirts: Teresa to look into how much if can get some
 - Banner: Ask SFPIRG to design banner
 - Buttons:
 - Black Spaces Matter+SOCA buttons
 - Buy Screen Printing
 - Possible split of cost on Screen Printing
 - Buy blow horn
 - Use SFPIRG's blow horn is an alternative
 - Look at prices to see if we are at capacity
 - Buy mic and amplified speaker
 - Look into costs and try to move a motion for purchase

- After culture night reimbursement
- Support from TSSU for Shirts
- Screen Printing Starter Kit
 - Shirt Printing to purchase and reimburse
- SFPIRG Action Group
 - Should we set up?
 - Decided against
- Class talks and materials
 - Need to create leaflet similar to TFN
- Timeline
 - Letter Writing Campaign
 - Reach out to groups
 - Send out support letters from organizations on Jan 7
 - Push a personal letter writing campaign between Jan 7 and Feb 1
 - Publish all the letters of Support by Organizations on Feb 1
 - Direct Action
 - 3 - 5 people attending all SFSS Board Meetings
 - Attend SUB committee meeting Jan 24
 - Rally on Displacement in March
 - Push to ask SFSS board candidates to commit for student space for Rotunda Community
 - No endorsements, but score candidates on this commitment
 - SOCA to connect with SFPIRG regarding Candidate question
 - Events
 - Rotunda Town Hall on Space
 - Black History Month Panel Discussion on the importance of spaces
 - Postering
 - Get posters printed through TSSU
 - Put up SOCA Posters if possible
 - Variety of posters (3 more)
 - Put up during first two weeks of school
 - Tabling
 - Table once a week in January for Black Spaces Matter
 - Breakfast with Petter
 - Send SOCA
- Last meeting was at 1100+ signatures.
- Get letters support from: Am Johal, History Prof Bian Thomas, Geography Prof, June Francis, SFUFA, Lama Mugabo, National Congress of Black Women Foundation

- Paper Petition: Let's try to get petition
- SOCA Library List
 - Still not done, need to do
- Terry Beech Letter
 - Reply back stating that were not pleased with them meeting only with the SFSS, even though we made the complaint. Request a new meeting stating our concerns
 - Reinforce that he is failing his constituents, as members of the community live on the mountain and surrounding area (wording around holding him accountable and that he's responsible)
 - All parties should've been involved?
- Proposed ASA terms of communication:
 - Request to abide by the terms set or effect change if otherwise wanted
 - Request that the ASA abide by the terms of agreement (as they suggested) [To-Do]
- SOCA to vy for seat on council
 - With FNSA, SOCA to try get a seat on council
 - Put forth motion to add us on Council
 - FNSA will assist us
- Committees
 - Social Justice Committee formation (Giovanni)
 - Cultural Events Committee
 - Party Committee
 - Black to School event
 - Abdul to reach out to Black Groups in UBC and SFU
 - BCSC Committee

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Afia: Candle Lighting event
- Jessica:
 - Get added as signatory to bank account
 - Sort out Gaps on Bank statements we have, request from Banks
- Abdul: Black to school
- Lema: Three statements: SFSS+Public+Terry
- Balqees: Reach out to ASA regarding comms
- Gio:
 - Send letter of support requests
 - Send Happy Holidays with picture of SOCA Santa
 - Get funding from TSSU by sending email requesting 300
 - Send Council Email

Upcoming:

- SOCA Santa

Motions

1. **Whereas**, SOCA has a seat on the Powwow committee and Powwow is a major step towards aboriginal reconciliation.

Whereas, Powwow will be held on the weekend of Feb 23-25

Be it resolved, that SOCA donates \$100 from our bank account towards the planning for the Powwow event before the date of Feb 23-25th.

Giovanni moved, Balqees Jama Seconded.

CARRIED

Open issues or concerns

1. Constitutional Amendment Process should be created, suggesting a Draft and First/Second and Motion reading and motion procedure. Wording to be developed

Meeting Adjournment moved by Giovanni HoSang, Seconded by Frank Pabai

Meeting Adjourned at 7:31pm.