

SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)
August 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER 4:47pm

ATTENDEES: Tim Maruti, Fegor Obuwoma, Balqees Jama, Jennifer Chou, Giovanni HoSang, Monique Leslie

MEETING AGENDA

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SOCA recognizes we are situated on the unceded territories Coast Salish Territories of the Musqueam, Kwikwetlem, Squamish and Tsleil-waututh peoples 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, Something about yourself that's not known to everyone, Access needs, One thing you had good this week and one you're looking forward to or alternative)

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **Previous Minutes:**
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M4gEps3lyGabV6O2rb1TxWAr5nBWScFZVT4iQSR5oBs/edit>
 - **Gio move/Balqees**
 - **approved**

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- **President**
 - Real estate workshop debrief
 - On Wednesday August 26th, we have the pleasure of being joined by Ray Akintemi - Founder and Partner at Akintee Real Estate Consultants
 - 22 participants attending, mix of students and also outside the SFU community
 - 1 and a half hours
 - Workshops very popular and very useful
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/440172803526578/>
- **Vice President**
 - Mental Health Event
 - Following up on the mental health event, need to pass a motion in New business regarding
 - SUB Meetings

- Meeting to be discussed later on about the SUB
 - BIPOC Meeting
 - Discussing mental health for HCS at SFU, specific around marginalized communities, example therapy + group counselling et al
 - not everyone has the same healing methods
 - BIPOC committee will be meeting with HCS on Tuesday
- External Relations Officer
 - N/A
- Internal Relations Officer
 - Cultural Week
 - In discussion item, need conversation about the cultural week
 - Emails re: SFSS responded to. Contacted Hassan about the cultural week about what it will look like
 - Council governance model shift
 - Council is considering changing the governance model - The Board considering putting as a bylaw change to have Council be the Board of Directors for the Society and SOCA has a set on the council meaning we will have a direct input on matters of the Society
 - SOCA + ASA meetings:
 - Ongoing meetings with regards to what happened at the Humanities page, Black student compensations have not come to fruition
 - Someone needs to attend **[To-Do] (Fegor + Hasan + Karugi)**
 - Had a meeting on Wednesday, Will be attending meetings with SA, JF and ASA.
 - Health and counseling promises around Black students involved with this event and mental health professional and aligning those asks
- Secretary
 - N/A
- Events Coordinator
 - Cultural Week conversations
- First Year Rep
 - N/A
- Grad Rep
 - N/A
- FIC Rep
 - N/A
- Execs at large
 - Denise
 - N/A
 - Lofty
 - N/A
- Other Assigned Members
 - N/A

- Review of Action Items

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- **Update on Book Club**
 - Fegor:
 - Trying to resurrect, update in Fall, new date to meet and discuss the book
 - Monique:
 - Things pulled back a bit in the midst of everything happening
 - Suggestion for Book Club October, folks agreeable **[To-DO]**
- **SFU varsity teams - name change**
 - **WE WON**
 - Balkees: Name changed after all the activism from the Black athletes putting work into this
 - Importance of representation, even institutionally at the SFSS
 - Last BIPOC meeting: formally acknowledge the big win. Need to highlight the reason why there was an activism for the name change in the first place - including the saviour complex that occurred.
 - Email campaign to recognize the harm caused and acknowledge the roots of the harm
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/sfu-clansmen-name-change-20-1.5683953>

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Update on mental health workshop event**
 - Monique: Good starting block regarding having conversations like this around Blackness. Debriefed with Hasan and Monique. Had a grant pay. Have to confirm a motion to approve payment which will be done later. Will be following up with conversation with her.
 - Balkees: Nice to have, like the idea of having regular. People who attended really wanted to highlight race and racism and its impact on mental health. Important to see that focus.
 - Gio: Happy for the event and that it happened. Wasn't pleased with the whitesplaining that happened with one of the participants that happened. Execs in conversation with counsellors need to make the facilitator more
 - Release of funds for SOCA mental health facilitator
- **Cultural Week**
 - Jennifer Presentation:
 - Sude (rep from SFSS) created this as a platform as idea:
 - Different groups for different days, plan activity for the week for an SFSS Takeover on the day of is an example
 - Cultural ideas for the week via the SFSS.
 - Highlights from the takeover
 - Opportunity to have people follow the various groups

- (Eg: Bubble tea workshop from SFU TA)
- Summary:
 - Hassan and Fegor was talking about options, beneficial for asking membership, put a list of options in the group chat
 - Hassan and Fegor will coordinate and post suggestions for the cultural week and sign up to participate as SOCA? Try to put out membership by the 1st.
 - Friday Oct 2 date, things confirmed by Sep 18 fully. **[TO-DO]**
 - Ideas
 - Cook-off idea could actually be good based on what Lofty wanted to do
 - Artists in SOCA that might want to share stuff, IG art accounts - Nathan Ngongo, Shina Likasa, Film production - Fegor,
 - Jenn: could do both or multiple
 - **Sep 11, 2020 need to have a full plan for this (Hassan and Fegor)**
[To-Do]
- **Update on SUB space meeting with SFSS president**
 - Tim:
 - Met with SFSS Pres and VPF et al, discussed the next steps with SUB Agreement, own suite, email from VPF - Corbett, ready for tours
 - SOCA needs to respond to schedule a tour - try to attend,
 - Tim - Will follow up with who can attend the SUB tour **[To-Do] (Tim)**
 - SUB Tour
 - Availability: Fegor + Tim + plus tim connect with rest of exec on available times and respond to SFSS.
 - Formulate a plan for the move regarding furniture et al
 - Monique:
 - Asked about the contract. Osob will meet with a lawyer to talk about the MOU and the Lease. Head lease and the sublease would align as per the SFSS motion
 - Need to follow up about the MOU due to the lease conversation **[To-Do] (Monique)**
- **Creation of online SOCA job board**
 - Tim:
 - Include another page on website - job board on the weebly sfusoca.ca/available-jobs example
 - Gio:
 - Mailing list:
 - Change the Community Events section to include Job Opportunities as well
 - Good idea to have it on the website, just need the points of accountability to do the work of updating (in this case **secretary**) the website.

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- SSA (Somali Student Association)
 - N/A

- NSA (Nigerian Students Association)
 - N/A
- Social Justice and Advocacy Committee
 - N/A
- Cultural Events Committee
 - N/A
- Space (BCSC) Committee
 - N/A
- Dance Team (N/A till Fall)
- Parties and Pub Nights Committee (N/A till Fall)

MOTIONS

1. **Payment Approval for Jolie Rochard - FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL Counselling Therapy**
Whereas, SFSS has approved the grant for the SOCA Mental Health Workshop,
Be it resolved that SOCA approves the payment and authorized the disbursement for Mental Health workshop facilitation held on July 29, 2020 by Jolie Rochard to the amount of \$500.00 from the grant account.

Monique moved / Tim seconded
CARRIED unanimously

- **Discussion: Had discussion above. All persons present in favour of the motion.**

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

- **SFSS Events Committee Dance Week**
 - Jennifer from SFSS: SOCA Dance Team: Asking questions about who would be willing to do a Instagram thing for Dance week
 - Tim will ask folks if they are interested (Flourish and Brian)
 - Will connect them to Jenn via email - Week of Sep 14
 - Balqees will put to SOCA group chat
 - Jennifer Chou (vpstudentlife@sfss.ca) needs a response by Sep 10 with someone reaching out to her to do
- **SOCA Exec jelling**
 - Importance of folks gelling. I note the improvement regarding the calling of meetings and the last events. Need a joint effort and full speed ahead collaboration for September. Have a exec fun event!
- **Bank account meeting**
 - Needs to take place
 - Monique to reach out to Treasurer **[To-Do]**

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC & Other Assignees (THIS WEEK 8-28-2020)

- Monique:
 - Reach out to Juju re bank account
 - Reach out to SFSS re MOU
- Monique + Hassan
 - Mental Health workshop follow up with Jolie (Hassan) and SFSS (Monique)
- Fegor:
 - ASA meeting: Someone needs to attend
- Fegor + Monique:
 - Book Club Plan
- Hasan and Fegor:
 - Cultural Week - send to membership for ideas in group by Sep 2, get a plan sorted by next meeting
- Juju:
 - Bank transfer needs to be done
- Tim:
 - Reach out to SFSS re: SUB tour
 - SOCA job board section to the community events in mailing list sendoff
- Lofty:
 - Begin promoting the cookout event (to be held on July 15th 2020)
- Mubarak:
 - Draft letter to SSA and NSA to set up a meeting with the SOCA exec team for us to chat

Meeting Adjournment moved by Fegor Obuwoma, seconded by Giovanni HoSang

Meeting Adjourned at 6:09pm.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: