

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry
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SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)

April 5, 2019 at 5:40pm - Call to Order

ATTENDEES: Afia Poku, Giovanni Hosang, Simran Randhawa, Tim Maruti, Eileen Kimaro, Shaun Ang'awa, Abdulkadir Yusuf, Travis Friday

MEETING AGENDA

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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. It's important that we center indigenous voices and are allied with them in the advocacy that we do.

ROUNDS

(Name, Something about yourself that's not known to everyone, Access need)

APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- **Approved**

REPORT OF OFFICERS

- President - Afia
 - Tuition Freeze Update
 - April 1 general Assembly:
Follow up : new request
-roll back of decision already made
- solidarity with other BC schools
 - Meet with the Working group on the 9th April
 - Candle Collage Event with Paola
 - No update Yet **[To-do]**
 - **Next Sem**
- Vice President - Sebastian
- Treasurer - Nathan
- Mini-Audit of record since 2009 **[To-Do]**
 - With Jessica at the end of the sem
- Finance Report

- Money Deposited:
 - **TSSU's** Donation Remaining for Campaign Use
 - \$280 Remaining (Gio has this in his bank account)
- Cheques Written:
 - Cheque #241 of **\$100.00** for First Nations Students Association passed from **14/12/2018 Motion 1** as Donation towards FNSA Powwow - **[DONE]**
Signees: Giovanni HoSang and Travis Friday
 - Cheque #240 to be written to Giovanni HoSang from Afrofest passed from **01/03/2019 Motion 3 [DONE]**
- SFSS Cheque Requisitions update
 - Still to get money - Cultural Night - When Gio gets reimbursed he should transfer the money to Nathan for depositing
 - Black Girl Magic
 - Gio to receive \$200 for grocery purchases
 - Received
- Transfer account signees, set up meeting with Scotiabank
 - Email address of personnel in sfusoca@gmail.com
 - Should be done in May
- **Balance** of Bank Account: _____
- External Relations Officer - Flourish
 - Trinity Western University Collaboration
 - Past ERO and President when to event :
 - Good event (60/100 turn out)
 - Good relations built amongst our members and theirs
- Internal Relations Officer - Jasmine
 - New Council Rep:
 - New Rep starts in May
 - Soca must a replacement email to the council
 - All meetings being called will be sent to IRO's personal email, need to report stuff from Council as well as bring matters of concerns to council
 - Council Meeting:
 - Creation of a committee that will go to board meetings
 - Suggesting Tim for Committee
 - Suggested Council Operation Training by possible group SFPirg
- Secretary - Eileen
 - Membership list update
 - **# of Members: 356**
 - **46 subscribed**
 - Sub-Association work
 - SSA: Already agreed

- To Sign **[To-Do]**
 - To Notify Clubs Coordinator after signing complete **[To-Do]**
- Events Coordinator - Juanita
 - Tim's Hosted Pub Night at the Study
 - Tickers on Sale Next Monday
 - April 20th
- Exec at large - Frank
 - Event with Iranian, ALAS, Arab Stu Assoc
 - Tim to follow up
 - Event with many cultural groups (The Study)**[to-do]**
- Exec at large - Representatives
 - Grad Rep - Eji :
 - 1st Year Rep - Osob :
 - FIC Rep - Shaun:

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Tim: Purchase of a Vending Machine
 - Can we purchase a vending machine for the office?
 - Cost not sure. Tim doing the research.
 - Pending
- Events Timeline
 - Discussion Wednesdays:
 - April 17: China in Africa: Investment or Neocolonialism (Tim Maruti)
 - April X: Paradox of Identity, Who is Black:
 - Black Identity in South America: Afro Latinx
 - African/Caribbean/African-American/Latinx/African Diaspora dilemma
 - SFU Final Fete: April 20
 - Tim Birthday : Cake at the soca office
- Set up events Timeline for the Next Semester: Tentative
 - Jouvert
 - Party : with Blueprint
 - FIC Event
 - Panel Discussion with ASA
 - Caribbean Day Festival
 - Tims Party : Cabana
 - Event with Residence: to introduce first years to SOCA
 - Mentor / Buddy Program (Planning Team : Afia, Tim, Eileen, Shaun, Simran,Gio)
 - Message Reslife for space on Welcome Day
 - Summer IceBreaker (May 17)
 - General Meetings (Starts 24th)

REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- Council Update
 - Creation of a committee that will go to board meetings
 - ❖ Suggesting Tim for Committee
 - Suggested Council Operation Training by possible group SFPirg
- Space Issue Support

COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Nominating Committee
 - Up to \$65 passed at the last meeting
 - Sebastian needs reimbursement for campaign
- Social Justice, Advocacy and Outreach Committee
 - SOCA Space Campaign:
 - Synopsis
 - Letter to SFSS Board Elect
 - New Strategy:
 - Attend Board Meetings (First Meeting: 23rd May)
 - Send an invite for a meeting with the Board Elect to discuss matters with them **[To-Do] [Suggested Day to send email 1st May]**
- Transition Retreat
 - April 6 at PIRG
 - Time: 10 to 1
 - Slides with Overview (Anyone want to help can help) After this meeting.
 - Old execs talk to new execs and lead intimately through role
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
- Cultural Events Committee
- BCSC Committee (Afia)
 - Library list to completed
 - Email and call people to return the books **(Eileen)**
- SOCA Dancers
- NSA
 - Events : Beach Party
- SSA
 - MOU still to be signed
 - New President and Secretary

MOTIONS

1. **Whereas**, An Exec-at-large position might be appointed at any time by the President consultation with the Executive as per constitution VII.7
Whereas, Balkees Jama has experience in a previous exec role and has demonstrated

commitment to SOCA

Be it resolved the Balkees Jama be appointed as Exec at large for year 2019/20

Afua moved / Simran seconded

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Afia
 - Candle Collage
 - Email New SFSS Board
- **Jessica**
 - Mini-Audit of record since 2009
- Eileen
- Tim
 - Event with many cultural groups (The Study)[to-do]

OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

1. We need to motion for the Tshirt printing machine from the \$280 remaining for the black spaces matter campaign

Meeting Adjournment moved by Abdulkadir Yusuf, Seconded by Tim Maruti

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm