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**SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**  
**May 24 , 2019 at 5:45 pm - Call to Order**

**ATTENDEES:** Afia Poku, Brian, Travis Friday, Nathan Ngongo, Frank Pabai, Asha Issa, Balqees Jama, Amina Saeed ,Eileen Kimaro, Sebastian Baretto, Berge Hamian, Flourish Adeogun

## **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, Access need, What you looking forward to this weekend)

### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- **Approved**

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

- **President - Afia**
  - Black Professor Interview (Urban Studies Department)
    - Stephanie Allen and Afia Poku were in attendance. Possible 3rd professor
  - Tuition Freeze Update
    - Report on Meeting with the TSSU and Working group to have with Eji
      - General Assembly Tuition Freeze Now May 29 at 11am
      - To Reach out to Eji to hear what happened at the meeting
  - Candle Collage Event with Paola
    - Deferred to this semester
      - To decide on a date in other issues
- **Vice President - Sebastian**
  - Report on SFSS Board presentation on SOCAs request to be a Tier 2 constituency group

- May 16 Thursday Presentation. Went well. Hopefully received well. Lot of support, 15 black students came out to support. Some of the board seemed to be disinterested which hurt a bit
  - Put up more posters
- 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 deposited to Afia for the bank account)
      - Giovanni to Deposit \$1000 from Cultural Night for SFSS Cheque Reimbursement **[Done]**
    - Cheques Written: none
      - There needs to be a transfer of authority
    - Transfer account signees, set up meeting with Scotiabank
      - Email address of personnel in [sfusoca@gmail.com](mailto:sfusoca@gmail.com)
      - Should be done in May **[To-Do]**
    - **Balance** of Bank Account: ~\$4000
- External Relations Officer - Flourish
  - Transition Talk of being ERO with Abdulkadir
  - To help with starting a black Community group  
To reach out to Langara
- Internal Relations Officer - Jasmine
  - No update
- Secretary - Eileen
  - Membership list update
    - **# of Members: 359**
    - **3 subscribed, 2 unsubscribed**
  - Sub-Association work
    - Printing of T-shirts, flyers and pamphlets for NSA, SSA, and SOCA
    - Ppl to let us know to bulk order - would be more cost effective
- Events Coordinator - Juanita
  - Report on Catch Ah Vybz
    - ~35 people showed up at Catch Ah Vybz. Lot of people had fun. Good to have it outdoor.
- Exec at large - Frank
  - Suggestion for Event with Iranian, ALAS, Arab Stu Assoc
    - To decide who to reach out to the clubs
      - Event with many cultural groups (At The Study) **[To-Do]**
      - Work With Balkees
      - No update yet

- Exec at large - Balqees
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- Exec at large - Representatives
  - Grad Rep - Eji :
    - Tssu/TFN updates
  - 1st Year Rep - Osob :
    - SSA liaison
      - Iftar: lots of fun! Turnout 55 people
      - try to get more carpets for prayer. Had 5 Which was definitely not enough
    - To brainstorm ideas for FIC event with Shaun
  - FIC Rep - Shaun:
    - To brainstorm ideas for FIC event with Osob

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Events Timeline
  - Tentative Dates (See spreadsheet)
    - Summer IceBreaker (May 17)
    - General Meetings (Starts 24th)
    - Jouvert on the Mountain 2019: decide on July 1 (Monday)
      - To do: reach out to Carnival Sensations
      - Book the park w/ rec centre
    - FIC Event: [osob and shaun to brainstorm]
    - Panel Discussion Suggestion
      - Have a panel discussion around July
      - Reach out to ASA to see if they would be willing, other groups in Vancouver
    - Biking with the Black community (Afia)
      - Suggestion to reach out to the community for an event at the Seawall - Stanley Park and then a picnic after. Afia and Events coordinator to put together a plan to present. Ask ASA and other groups if interested
    - Caribbean Day Festival: July 27 and July 28
      - **Parade now Cancelled**
      - **SOCA dancers might dance?**
    - Event with Residence: to introduce first years to SOCA.
      - Mentor / Buddy Program (Planning Team : Afia, Tim, Eileen, Shaun, Osob, Simran, Gio, Fati, Jasmine, Flourish, Fatima, Nathan, Brian )
        - Target ppl through residence for buddy programme etc.
        - Pair with Each other for academic wise
      - Message Reslife for space on Welcome Day
      - Study Hall: to be organized in meeting
    - Pairing Up for Academic Excellence
    - Discussion Wednesdays:

- May 29 (Gio): Paradox of Identity, Who is Black - Africa/AfricanAmerican/BlackCaribbean/Diaspora dilemma
- June 12: China in Africa: Investment or Neocolonialism (Nelson???Tim???)
- July 10/Aug 7: Black Identity in South America: Afro Latinx (Paola)

## REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- Council Update
- Space Issue Support:
  - Response for meeting with the SFSS Board

## COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Nominating Committee
  - Check with sebastian for his reimbursement. Waived reimbursement
- Social Justice, Advocacy and Outreach Committee
  - SOCA Space Campaign:
    - Synopsis
    - New Strategy:
      - Attend Board Meetings (Next Meeting: 30th May)
    - To report on Tshirt printing screen from the \$280 remaining for the black spaces matter campaign. Not done.
    - Pick a date to start campaigning in the Summer
    - Means of support including letters, videos etc
    - Event for Support
- Parties and Pub Night Committee
- Cultural Events Committee
- BCSC Committee (Eileen)
  - Library list to completed **[To-Do]**
  - Email and call people to return the books **[To-Do]**
- SOCA Dancers
  - Set date for first meeting
  - Suggest addition of cultural dances with the help of Keseke (Afia)
- NSA
  - Events : Pool Party **[To-Do]**
    - Logistics: Admission, lifeguard \$50, food, rough price: \$1000 for 5 hours, after 7pm.
    - Date: June 29
    - DJ: Shawayne or other based on Sebastian's suggestions
- SSA
  - Events for the sem:
    - Basketball event (to add dates) **[to-do]** secretary
    - Bbq (to add dates)
- Statement from the President

- Has reaffirmed commitment to SOCA. Been doing work as best as she can in light of internship. She states that there is a lot of work being done and she appreciates all the support of the people that have been doing the work.

## MOTIONS

1. **Whereas**, money was spent for Printing of T-shirts for SSA and NSA ( \$86.47) from the the space campaign fund;  
**Whereas**, money was spent for Printing of Posters,Flyers and Pamphlets (\$48) for clubs days and Catch Ah Vybz from the the space campaign fund.  
**Whereas**, money was spent for Food and Drinks (\$121.65) for Catch Ah Vybz from the the space campaign fund.  
**Be it resolved**, that the campaign fund be reimbursed \$256.12 for the Printing costs and other purchases listed above.  
**travis moved / sebastian seconded**  
**CARRIED**

## OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS

- Scheduling a meeting with all the black community groups
  - Generally for updates and plan for the year
- Hogan's Alley summer support
  - Activities upcoming. Volunteers on standby [**To-Do**] (Afia)
- Sign Up system (Website and SFSS Portal)
  - Get people on our list to sign up for clubs
  - Eileen Send out email [to-do]

## ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC (To keep track of to-do's above)

- **Afia**
  - Candle Collage Event with Women Center
  - Email New SFSS Board Elect
  - Reach out to Keseke
  - Email Black Community
  - Email Stephanie Allen on Summer Volunteers
  - Book room and Send out posters for Study Hall
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- **Sebastian**
  - Create more Posters
- **Jessica**
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009
- **Nathan**
  - Reach out to the bank to sort out the transfer of signatories
- **Eileen**

- Library list to be completed
  - Call people to return the books
  - Eileen Send out email for members to sign up to sfss portal
- **Tim**
  - Event with many cultural groups (The Study) **[to-do]**
  - **Should be taken over by other member**
- **All**
  - Invite at least 5 people each to SFSS BOARD meeting (30th May)

**Meeting Adjournment moved by flourish, Seconded by frank.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm