

Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry  
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**SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA)**  
**Mar 8, 2019 at 5:17pm - Call to Order**

**ATTENDEES: Simran Randhawa, Aishwarya Alagu Sundar, Abdulkadir Yusuf, Nathan Ngongo, Giovanni HoSang, Tim Maruti, Frank Pabai, Corbett Gildersleve**

## **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 - Giovanni
  - Tuition Freeze Update
    - Waiting for Meeting w/ Martin Purchoku
  - Environment Science Class Talk
    - 200 People listened and gave out posters
  - Clubs Endorsing Campaign
    - CAC
- Vice President - Travis
- Treasurer - Jessica
  - Mini-Audit of record since 2009 **[To-Do]**
  - Finance Report
    - Money Deposited:
      - **AfroVybz**
        - **To be deposited**
      - **TSSU's** Donation Remaining for Campaign Use

- \$280 Remaining
- Cheques Written:
  - Cheque #\_\_ of **\$100.00** for First Nations Students Association passed from **14/12/2018 Motion 1** as Donation towards FNSA Powwow - **[To be done]**  
Signees: Giovanni HoSang and Travis Friday
- SFSS Cheque Requisition to be done
  - Need all docs printed such as Baedu, Turunesh and Mufaro's Invoices
    - Received Online
  - Need the Receipts of Abdul, Giovanni and Afia
    - Lose the money from Abdul receipt
  - Need the Invoice of the Food Catering and The Payment snapshot from Gio's phone
    - Received and using on Monday
  - Should be done while Jessica is there to see the cheque req process in the way we do it
  - **Cheque req** submitted for Cultural Night **[TO DO] Friday Jan 25**
  - **Cheque Req for Catch Ah Vybz [To-Do]**
  - **Cheque Req for AfroVybz [To-Do]**
- **Balance** of Bank Account: **\$2752.35**
- External Relations Officer - Abdul
  - Send thank You message to Carnival Sensations for donation **[To-Do]**
  - Respond to Teckla from Afro-Caribbean Club at Western **[To-Do]**
- Internal Relations Officer - Balkees
  - Black Girl Magic Update
    - To Send the updated list of women attending 23 so far
- Secretary - Afia
  - Candle Collage Event with Paola
    - No update Yet **[To-do]**
      - **Got one as a gift**
    - **Received an example of the Collage as a gift from Women Center**
  - SFU Focus
    - Reach out to Focus, they wanted to have us do a collaboration with them from the FIC meeting **[To-Do]**
  - Membership list update
    - **# of Members: 314**
    - **3 unsubscribed**
    - **0 subscribed**
  - Library display
    - Finished and looking good
  - Sub-Association work

- SSA: Already agreed
    - To Sign **[To-Do]**
  - To Notify Clubs Coordinator after signing complete **[To-Do]**
- Events Coordinator - Natasha
  - Black History Month Kickoff Feb 4
    - Was good, 35 people, good performances, a lot of IG photos posted.  
Good job to whole team
  - Afro Vybz
    - Ticket Sales Online: \_\_\_\_
    - Physical Ticket Sales: \_\_\_\_
  - BHM Panel Discussion 4pm - 6pm
    - Sebastian Confirmed
    - To confirm AV and Catering with SFSS Staff
      - Confirmed Catering, AV needs confirmation
- Exec at large - Tim Maruti
  - BFF Movie tonight
  - Event with Iranian, ALAS, Arab Stu Assoc
    - Event with many cultural groups at club ilia **[to-do]**

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Funding and Big event Options Update by Tim
  - Reach out to the past execs to find out how they brought in Molefi Kete Asante.
- ASA Meeting Review
  - Abdul: Positive, reached consensus and focused on positive relationship between groups, SOCA stressed the need for unity on campaign issue, ASA to get back
  - Gio: We are allies again, and we reconciled some of the issues we had in the past meeting
- Terry Beech Letter
  - Give go ahead to send an amendment, updated letter to be confirmed by Terry's office. Specification of certain details
- Events Timeline
  - Discussion Wednesdays: Feb 27 | Mar 20 | April 3
    - Paradox of Identity, Who is Black:  
African/Caribbean/African-American/African Diaspora dilemma
    - March 20: China in Africa: Investment or Neocolonialism
    - March 27: Black Identity in South America: Afro Latinx
  - Black Girl Magic Workshop: Feb 12+19, Mar 5+12

## REPORT ON SPECIFIC MATTERS

- DSU and Club Support for Campaign
  - 15 clubs now signed onto [bit.ly/savesoca](https://bit.ly/savesoca)
    - CAC is a big club that have stated there is no need for permanent space

- DSU Support for Council
  - BESU
    - Afia to give at next meeting **[To-Do]**

## COMMITTEE AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS UPDATE

- Nominating Committee
  - Struck Last Meeting, Whatsapp group to be created
- Social Justice, Advocacy and Outreach Committee
  - SOCA Campaign
- Cultural Events Committee
  - AfroFest Grant Request for 300 dollars
    - If not possible, we use 150 from bank account
- Party and Pub Night Committee
  - SFU Final Fete March 30
    - Need a poster, Tim to get ali to work on poster
- BCSC Committee (Afia)
  - Library list to be completed
- SOCA Dancers
  - Performed at BHM Kickoff
- NSA
  - No update
- SSA
  - To have an SSA Barbeque
  - MOU still to be signed

## MOTIONS

1. **Whereas**, SOCA Dancers are performing for events and cultural showcases in and around SFU campuses  
**Be it resolved**, to approve up to \$150.00 towards SOCA dancers for performance gear and costumes  
 AY moved/CG seconded  
**CARRIED unanimously**

## ACTION ITEMS FOR EXEC

- Afia: Library list, Candle Collage Event, FOCUS club reach out, Black Girl Magic Send out
- Giovanni: Give in Cheque Requisition
- Abdul: Send Thank You message, Reply to TWU
- Tim: Reach out to the cultural clubs for joint social, Final Fete

## **OPEN ISSUES OR CONCERNS**

1. Meeting with NSA soon an Actual Facebook Page and to see how SOCA can assist in this

**Meeting Adjournment moved by AY, Seconded by FP**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:40pm